

## President's Message

Dear Campus Community,

This week the PASSHE Board of Governors affirmed the System's efforts to continue planning for university integrations. The board unanimously affirmed the process and next steps after Chancellor Dan Greenstein presented findings from an initial financial review of the proposed integrations.

Chancellor Greenstein said, "The data and the analysis are showing clearly that the path forward on integrations will mean greater student opportunity in regions critical to Pennsylvania's economy. As we strive to hold our place as the affordable public higher education option, we must continue to think and act boldly so that any Pennsylvanian, regardless of zip code, can continue their education at a State System university."

The next step in the integrations process is development of an implementation plan, which could be presented to the Board as early as April 2021. The process, laid out in Act 50 of 2020, includes a 60-day public comment period and periodic updates to members of the General Assembly. The earliest an integrated university could begin accepting students would be August 2022. More information about the Board of Governors meeting is available [here](#).

We will continue to keep you informed as the integration process moves forward and will provide opportunities to offer input and feedback. More specifically task forces representing all aspects of University functions will be set up with representatives from all three campuses. This will be our opportunity to shape the outcomes of any proposed plan and I encourage us to take full advantage of this. It is important too that students' voices are heard.

