APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion of Dr. Folmer Clinton, seconded by Dr. Ruth, the minutes of February 29, 2016 were approved as shown in MINUTES ATTACHMENT 1.

INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

University Strategic Planning: Dr. Lyman reported that the Council met March 1 at which time they had a presentation on software that would help them with tracking. This software is purchased by PaSSHE and at no cost to us. The University’s Action Plan was submitted on March 11.

Enrollment Management: Mr. Sommers reviewed current admission reports. Graduate Admissions continues to do fairs/enrollment activities. Undergraduate is up to date. Discussed decline in applications. We are down in Philadelphia and Montgomery counties. There are 7 PaSSHE schools that are down in applications. Accepted student event on March 19 with 220 of the 290 accepted, not confirmed students attended. Financial Aid met with over 80 families that day and we received 50 confirmations on site. Open House on April 16 and registrations are building. A junior multi-cultural event is being planned. High school guidance counselors will be on campus April 29. Five receptions with alumni or SU friends are planned for April. Over 1700 students have been sent their aid packages. Receiving extension requests for BOG. Priority scheduling starts today.

Employment of Foreign Nationals: Dr. Topper reviewed the policy for hiring foreign nationals. No feedback from last meeting was received but one change impacts non-faculty members; we must demonstrate that there are no other qualified applicants for the job. We must advise them that we cannot assist with obtaining a green card. Upon a motion of Dr. Ruth, seconded by Dr. Johnson, the policy was approved as shown in MINUTES ATTACHMENT 1.

Budget Update: Ms. Fawks did a review of the mid-year budget since the Governor’s budget provided a 5% increase in state appropriation last week. See MINUTES ATTACHMENT 2. We still have unknowns with union contracts.
Senate elections: Traci Moyer, President; Trent Bauer, Vice-President; Crystal Hartman, Secretary and Christopher Windbeck, Treasurer. Mr. Giovannelli also announced that Advocacy Days is next week and they will be traveling to Harrisburg. On behalf of the students, he also stated that the students have noticed the ramp up on Social Media and appreciate the efforts.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

Dr. Harpster reported on the following: continue to move forward with implementation of tuition per-credit hour with letters going to students & parents; PACT meeting this week in Harrisburg; Chamber of Commerce presented SU with award for Outstanding Large Business in the community as well as a number of university employees were recognized; Trustees met last week with presentations by PaSSHE personnel on Financial Risk Assessment and the Workforce Gap Analysis; community and PaSSHE presidents will sign a Reverse Transfer Agreement on Wednesday and we have independently been working with HACC and will sign our own agreement tomorrow; and GBLUES update. It was acknowledged the importance of the school not only with current faculty, but with recruiting new faculty.

FOR GOOD OF THE ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Assisting students to get their transcript from HACC to SU timely and perhaps at a minimal cost for degree completion program – gen eds
- SIMS project is continuing
- Finished the email upgrade from Exchange 2010 to 2016
- Tomorrow Cathy Sprenger and Andrea Rosenberry will be holding a Webinar on Banner software, specifically faculty grade entry module
- Final mass email will go out tomorrow to selected students to complete the survey
- Annual Circle of Friends Gala will be this Saturday and followed by a phone-a-thon for next season
- Kirkland/Spizuoco speaking coming up on April 20
- Continue working with Art & Science group in regard to our marketing
- Thanks to all who attending the Scholarship Dinner last weekend – 433 attended
- Fashion Archives & Museum ribbon cutting tomorrow at Davis House
- Campaign celebration is April 23
- Student Research conference April 19 with presentations from over 450 students
- CRM implementation is underway
- Forum has two more meetings this semester – when looking at the calendar for next year we need to look at the research and
- APSCUF elections last week and Kara Laskowski is the President and Aaron Dobbs is Vice-President
- Projects list for spring/summer starts with paving in April and May in the front of campus and Adams Drive
- Britton Road will be repaved May 9
- Rails to Trails connector from the township park to Eckels Field triangle starts in May – Mr. Bryson will follow
- Loop Road extension is expected to start in November but may change
- Stewart Hall renovation project has been approved with construction to begin in January 2018
- Horton Hall will be getting new windows
- College of Ed/HS had conversation with Kathleen Howley and IUP regarding doctoral programs – F/T at IUP; P/T at SU – EDD in Counseling
• College of A&S thanked Mr. Clinton and staff for finding the Fashion Archives a new home
• Unrest is Europe with terrorism and the Madrigals are going to Germany soon – discussions will take place
• Supply Chain Advisory Council met Friday
• Resume writing workshop on April 8 and the COB Advisory Board is engaged to assist the students
• Accounting Etiquette dinner is this evening and sponsored by the accounting firms
• For third year, the CPA exam passing grade continues to be in the top 40 of the nation
• MBA ranking is in the top 200
• Reaffirmed for AACSB accreditation, thanks to all involved in the process
• Anne Detter from the Foundation received the Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year award

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:00

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