INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

Academic Calendar: Dr. Lyman reviewed the “tentative” calendar vs the “alternate” calendar as proposed by PaSSHE for 2017/18. The belief is that the “alternate” calendar would be more advantageous for students to end earlier so they can get out into the job market. Our calendar committee had previously met and considered our needs. Dr. Harpster asked about conflicts outside of the academic programs. Athletics will be impacted: football preseason will be heavily impacted as well as other fall sport teams. Camps are not impacted. Facilities would not be effected with turnaround or earlier move in. What about graduate students? No issue with cost containment. It’s important to stay with 5 weeks between winter and spring for our on-line courses. Much stronger participation from the students OVERALL – we prefer to stay with our current calendar instead of moving ahead a week and retain the 5 week winter term.

Veterans In-State Tuition Benefit – Dr. Serr explained the federal legislation action that veterans, their spouses and children will receive in-state tuition. They must RESIDE within the Commonwealth but do not need to be official residents. We are prepared for implementation.

Enrollment – Mr. Lee provided the admissions report. We have received 254 deposits since May 1 deadline. Target for fall is 1825 and we are currently at 1793. We are at the crucial time when bills will be out and families are looking at their finances. Our cancellation rate was 3% of our confirmations (57 students) last year this time we were at 5%. Orientation numbers are: 90.5% of confirmed were registered compared to 87.5% last year. Financial Aid moved their office to CUB and saw 478 families; making this move during orientation was a huge success. Those families wanted to talk about unmet need gap and how they can cover it. This provided them with help NOW vs. closer to school with no help. New-suite housing is at 100% but would like to be at 102 so with no shows we’ll be at 100. Reminder that we are ALL enrollment officers and we need to consistently speak to the strength of the institution. If anyone wants to make calls to students, let Mr. Sommers or Lee know. We are also communicating with students who received a time slip but did not schedule. Mr. Clinton indicated that there are donors/alumni who are willing to meeting with prospective students.

Budget – Ms. Fawks provided an update on the budget as of now. If we do not hit our freshman and transfer targets, it will affect the assumptions which is currently at 200 under. AFSCME has reached a
one-year extension and SUA is in the process of ratifying a similar extension. Given our $6M deficit, we have asked the campus for a 6% reduction to their budgets. Budget requests will be in place effective July 1.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Harpster thanked everyone for orientation; he is receiving positive feedback. Lucy Kauffman was just recognized this morning by the PA Senate. Extra BOG meeting on June 30 for committee meetings and 3 Action Plan presentations. The other presentations will be on July 8 and they will be streamed live. If there is any tuition decision, it will be July 9.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- HR Office reorganization, again. Two people currently in training
- Background check process for current employees, no faculty, rollout over last six weeks
- RTK request from Pennsylvanians For Union Reform – information was released but an appealed has been filed for those who claimed exemption
- Summer maintenance programs are on schedule
- Paving will start July 13 needing to ensure it will be completed by move-in day
- Naugle Hall will be demolished in July
- Thanks for orientation help
- Router will be upgraded on Tuesday during maintenance hours so no outage required
- Moving materials in Library to create additional study spaces and make plans for next renovation in lower level
- Tech folks are installing new equipment throughout campus
- Final report on D2L2 will be to the president’s in the next couple weeks
- Web redesign project continues and the implementation is for the next recruitment year – next phase is really content driven because old content doesn’t fit in the new design which is focused on new students
- New event management software will be in place very soon for use in the new academic year
- APSCUF has concerns regarding reorganization of department secretaries & retrenchment possibility
- 490 bricks for Stewart Hall are available for a gift – $1.2 M secured of 1.5 goal
- Campaign is now at $64M
- Hotel making good progress with opening planned for 2nd or 3rd week of September
- LPAC public sale for this season’s shows is July 18
- Camps numbers are up 20% and even with last year as of today
- Jane Goss Memorial Golf Tournament raised over last year at $51K
- Travis Henry 5K raised $5K which will go to a scholarship
- Any items for Forum should be forwarded to Liz Fisher

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:11

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