

MINUTES

COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES Shippensburg University November 21, 2008

The Council of Trustees of Shippensburg University met on Friday, November 21, 2008 at 12:00 p.m., in the Old Main Chapel on the Shippensburg University campus.

ATTENDANCE:

The President of the University, Dr. William Ruud, and following members of the Council were in attendance:

Dennis Castelli	Lory Naugle
Charles C. Goodhart	William Piper
Douglas P. Harbach	B. Michael Schaul
Elnetta G. Jones	Kenneth R. Shoemaker

Representatives from the University administration, faculty, students, and staff were:

Dr. Barbara Lyman, Provost & Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. G.F. "Jody" Harpster, Executive Vice President for External Affairs and
University Relations
Dr. Roger Serr, Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Dennis Mathes, Associate Vice President for Information Technologies
& Services
Dr. Denny Terrell, Vice President for Administration and Finance
Dr. Brendan Finucane, President, SU APSCUF
Ms. Laura Burkett, Director, Publications & Advertising
Dr. Tracy Schoolcraft, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
Ms. Mindy Fawks, Associate Vice President for Administration and Finance
Mr. John Clinton, President & CEO, SU Foundation

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Michael Schaul, Chair.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chair Schaul provided an opportunity for public comments; there were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion of Kenneth Shoemaker, seconded by Douglas Harbach, the Minutes of the meetings held on September 5, 2008 and October 17, 2008, were approved.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:

President Ruud asked for reports from each division.

Dr. Barbara Lyman, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, called attention to the following information:

Faculty Retirements

Klotz, Larry H.	Professor, Biology	January 2009
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Faculty Resignations

Baughman, Dennis P.	Assistant Professor, English Educational Leadership & Special Education	January 2009
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Dr. Lyman reported on the continued preparation for our self-study review. Dr. Dennis Hefner, the team chair, visited campus October 13 and a full team visit is scheduled for April 5-8, 2009. Additional items were: a) we received reaccreditation from NCATE – a previous concern was met and removed; b) initial approval was received to continue to next phase of the MSW with SU and Millersville; c) development of Academic Master Plan; and d) enrollment for the Fall is at the highest to date – 2.2% overall increase.

Dr. Jody Harpster, Executive Vice President for External Affairs & University Relations, reported on the following items: a) Pathways to Success held three events and are doing very well; b) Homecoming went well despite the rain – a sponsored community event was held to assist King’s Kettle; c) the Luhrs Performing Arts Center continues to do well – 4 shows are sold out, Howie Mandell was added for spring and Peter, Paul & Mary were rescheduled for March 20 due to health issues; and d) a joint Chamber Mixer was held at the SU Conference Center with approximately 150-200 attendees – this is the largest event between Chambersburg and Shippensburg to be held.

Dr. Rick Ruth, Vice President for Information Technologies & Services, reported on the following items: a) the tech fee process for 2008-09 new projects and renewals for 2004/05 have been implemented; b) a new web content management system, called Ektron, is currently being implemented and will provide an easy interface to the campus community; c) the SAP/SLCM project has officially been halted in favor of an alternative proposal by the Presidents – the new legacy system will allow us to continue running our present environment; and d) preparation for the renovation of Lehman Library has begun – the collection (A-Z) has been moved to the top floor; 1st floor renovation will begin in April or May; Starbucks and the front entrance will close this summer – those entering the Library will use the entrance closest to Grove.

Dr. Roger Serr, Vice President for Student Affairs, reported on various athletic accomplishments and season records.

Dr. Denny Terrell, Vice President for Administration and Finance, presented items of interest and asked for appropriate action by the Council.

Dr. Terrell reported on the following: a) provided an update on various facility renovations and construction; b) 85% of those eligible signed up to participate in the Healthy U program which discount their health insurance premiums by 15%; c) active shooter training was offered to faculty and will be offered to students and staff next semester; d) we have been asked by the Governor and the System Office to hold back 4.25% of appropriations = \$1.4 million; e) changes to the Right-to-Know law takes effect January 1- information not previously available will now be available to the public.

Upon a motion of Doug Harbach, seconded by Lory Naugle, the Council approved Purchases, as shown in MINUTES ATTACHMENT 1 and upon a motion of Dennis Castelli, seconded by William Piper, the Council approved Contracts, as shown in MINUTES ATTACHMENT 2 made under the provisions of Act 188.

Attention was called to recent non-instructional personnel actions.

Dr. Ruud announced that a new President's Report for 2007-08 is being developed. This report will be distributed annually and will dovetail with the Foundation to be used as an effective tool to recruit friend and fund raising. Dr. Ruud encouraged everyone to be creative and responsible as we work to get through this challenging economic and financial times over the next 12-18 months.

COMMENTS FROM APSCUF/SU:

Dr. Brendan Finucane, President of APSCUF, discussed the following items: a) business as usual with good one on one meetings with the President and Provost; b) new initiatives working with the Provost – plans of how to proceed with academic issues post Middle States – academic master plan which would complement the Strategic and Master Plan; c) faculty are engaged this semester with the annual campus campaign in partnership with the Foundation; d) met yesterday with some Trustees, Provost and President to discuss ways faculty can be support and recognized for their achievements; and e) discussions have been held regarding our budget environment and about the various ways we can stay within our current budget – priority will still be given to academic programs, per the President.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 30, 2009 on the Shippensburg University campus.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion of Charles Goodhart, seconded by Doug Harbach, the meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

William Piper, Secretary

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the above minutes of the meeting of the Council of Trustees of Shippensburg University held on Friday, November 21, 2008, are correct.

B. Michael Schaul, Chair