SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY

PRESIDENT'S CABINET
Monday, October 17, 2011
9:00 a.m., Century Cafe

Presiding: Dr. Ruud

Members Present: Dr. Burg, Mr. Clinton, Ms. Dixon, Dr. Ebersole, Ms. Fawks, Dr. Folmer Clinton, Dr. Gigliotti, Ms. Grissom, Dr. Harpster, Ms. Howell, Dr. Jacobs, Dr. Kooti, Dr. Lovett, Dr. Lyman, Dr. Mathes, Dr. Mayer, Mr. Michaels, Dr. Mike, Mr. Pilgrim, Dr. Ruth, Dr. Sax, Dr. Schoolcraft, Dr. Schultz, Dr. Serr, Ms. Smith, Dr. Speakman, Dr. Terrell, Dr. Topper, Dr. Wehrung and Mr. Wonders

Others Present: Dr. Nellie Cyr for Dr. Johnson and Mr. Brian Johnson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion of Dr. Folmer Clinton, seconded by Dr. Harpster, the minutes of the September 19, 2011 meeting were approved.

INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:

Employment of Relatives: Dr. Topper reviewed the draft Employment of Relatives policy. Discussion followed. It was suggested that the question asking an applicant if they have family members employed at SU be placed on all levels of applications. Suggestions or comments regarding the policy should be directed to Dr. Topper prior to the request for approval at the November 7 meeting.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Secretary of the Department of Corrections, John Wetzel, will be the Winter Undergraduate Commencement speaker
- Parents & Family Day will be this Saturday – all are invited to the grand buffet in Reisner at 4:30
- 90 flu shots are still available – you must be registered
- Drs. Ruth & Mathes will be participating in the Educause conference in Philadelphia this week
- Due to the increase in the tech fee tuition, there are additional funds for faculty to make proposals
- Student Senate is working on a master plan – forums and presentations will be conducted
- Dr. Wehrung introduced Ms. Veronica Zewdu, a senior Biology Honors student who works in Social Equity
- PASSHE Diversity Summit was held last week – Q Equity score card was introduced to look at diverse faculty numbers and persistence in graduate rate gaps
- A $500,000 international development grant was awarded to develop business schools in Iraq and the COB has developed a collaborative agreement with Southern Cross University in Australia at the Masters and Doctoral levels
- SUF phone-a-thon is doing well having raised over $200,000 – materials for an upcoming campus campaign will be available soon

- Successful open house last Saturday – seeing more out-of-state students
- Beach Boys show last week was sold out with Rain – A Tribute to the Beatles will be this Thursday with an advertisers showcase in the Orrstown Bank Lobby
- J.R. Martinez will be the Proteus speaker on April 3, 2012
- Forum had a good first meeting with another meeting tomorrow – Dr. Speakman will talk about the 5 year enrollment plan
- A demo room of the new student housing has been set-up in the Harley Hall rec room – everyone is encouraged to visit and provide feedback
- AMP mission, goals and objectives are out to Academic Affairs and APSCUF Executive Committee – now working on strategies
- No new APSCUF negotiations at the state level and no new sessions scheduled until December
- Faculty is appreciative of the additional fund to lessen class sizes
- Counseling program will celebrate 50 years in 2012
- Those who normally provide material for the IPS Annual Report need to do so by October 28

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Ruud announced the senate appropriations hearing on November 3 from 1-4 at Millersville. There will be 3 45 minute sessions on selected topics. Anyone interested in going should let Ms. Maun know. He also reported on his participation in the Senate Education Committee with Drs. Cavanaugh and Weisenstein last week.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mr. Guido Pichini, Chairman of the PASSHE Board of Governors, addressed Cabinet and provided time for Q&A.

Mr. Pichini highlighted the following: the System needs to do a better job of advocacy; we need to let folks now what/who PASSHE is; a good way to reach our legislators is through our students. They should get information/facts from their respective schools and PASSHE and meet with their legislators in their home districts. Let them know about how many alumni there are from PASSHE because they are now their voters; possibly letting the universities make their own plea for tuition; PASSHE is the 16th largest employer in the state with a $45 million payroll bi-weekly.

Cabinet members asked questions and Mr. Pichini provided feedback about: the budget; class size; development of new programs; student profile; international education; testing in high schools not related to higher education; long-term set tuition; price elasticity; merit scholarships; and the Chancellor's Office budget.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:20 a.m.

MINUTES prepared by Robin Maun