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Friday, September 15, 2023

ACTION

Public Meeting Minutes

The Council of Trustees of Shippensburg University met on Friday, September 15, 2023, at 2:02PM in CUB MPR A as well as visible through a live stream.

Attendance: L. Michael Ross, Doug Harbach, Bill Gindlesperger, Andrew Alosi, Glen Grell, Rangeline DeJesus, Toni Marchowsky (remote) and Bryan Lowe (remote) were in attendance.

Absent: George McElwee and Matthew Steck

Call to Order

Chairman Doug Harbach called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM. He thanked the trustees for allowing him to serve as chair and asked for feedback during his tenure. He also thanked Trustee Alosi for serving as the prior chair. For transparency purposes, Chairman Harbach alerted the council that moving forward a recording of each meeting will be posted online. He then led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments – none

Board Action Items

ACTION: The Published Agenda was motioned for approval by Trustee DeJesus and seconded by Trustee Grell. Motion approved unanimously.

ACTION: Meeting minutes from May 19, 2023 was motioned for approval by Trustee Grell and seconded by Trustee Ross. Passed unanimously.

President's Report

President Patterson presented to the trustees during the workshop session about the State System Budget which was signed into law on August 3rd with a 6% increase in appropriations as well as a fiscal code that will freeze tuition for the next year. He also provided an update on corporate engagement activities and public private partnerships with Google. The President gave information regarding upcoming summer and fall meetings, speaking engagements and special events. He thanked Kurt Dunkel and the SU Connection AOD program for their continued efforts with fighting the opioid epidemic. The President gave an update on the Franklin Science Center, Kriner Hall and Henderson Gymnasium renovations. He gave an update on enrollment stabilization and that headcount and FTE is close to flat as compared to last year. He

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recognized the new Chief of Police, Patrick Taylor and discussed the successful testing of the SU Alert System.

ACTION: The 2024 Council of Trustee Dates was motioned for approval by Trustee Gindlesberger and seconded by Trustee DeJesus. Motion approved unanimously.

ACTION: The 2023-2024 Order of Succession was motioned for approval by Trustee Ross and seconded by Trustee Alosi. Motion approved unanimously.

ACTION: The Naming of College of Business Forum was motioned for approval by Trustee Gindlesberger and seconded by Trustee Ross. Motion approved unanimously.

From the Division of Academic Affairs

Provost Nicole Hill presented the following information for Academic Affairs:

The power of education reverberates for generations across family, friends, and colleagues, and within communities. The future of Shippensburg University is created every single day by every single action we take. As provost and serving in this role the past year I've been inspired by countless stories of student success and accomplishment, faculty work across all the roles of the professorate that cultivate such student development and achievement, and our collaborations across divisions and offices. These stories have expanded and deepened my understanding of the quality academic experience and education we create here at Shippensburg University.

This fall we welcome to campus one dean; Dr. Sabita Manian, College of Arts and Sciences, and four new tenure track faculty members, namely; Doctors Emily Besecker for biology, Corey Williams in economics, Mengzhu Fu in psychology and Mr. Westley Welty, teacher education and also second grade teacher at G. Blues. We're also honored to welcome Dr. Colin Campbell as a Frederick Douglass Institute scholar to our communication studies department. The purpose of the FDI Collaborative is to advance educational excellence for historically underserved and upper underrepresented students, and we are grateful for the expertise and impact. Dr. Campbell brings to our campus, and our students. Having spent time with our new faculty at new faculty orientation and hearing feedback from their colleagues, department chairs, and deans, I was immediately impressed with their commitment to inclusive pedagogy, service through leadership mindset, and dedication to student success. Our campus will be richer because of their presence.

We continue to be focused on the first-year experience and transition for our students. During the first day of the semester the first-year experience and new student orientation and family programs offered the university welcome tent on the quad. We provided directions and support to over 531 students. On Monday, the first day was our busiest day, with 316 students, checking in between 7:30 and 2:00, and

receiving some of this support. In August 2023, 14 of our academic departments participated in the first-year friendly retreat and presented their innovative teaching approaches to better meet the needs of the first-year student. We are reconvening such a group on September 21st to revisit the progress that was made and identify ongoing strategies to ensure our classrooms are advising, and all of our spaces in academics are responsive and first-year friendly.

In the Lehman Library we're excited to welcome the Rosenberry collection. This collection will generally comprise broadsides and books dated in the 18th and 19th century, a quarter of which are in German. It features a comprehensive collection of an innovative local printer in the Carlisle, Harrisburg area, Gustav Samuel Peters, who was the first printer in America to print in color. We will be hosting a reception to celebrate this on October 20th, at 4:00PM.

Our commitment to student success is a core dedication of the university. As one exemplar of our student success resources, our course-based peer tutoring increased 6.3% compared to last academic year with a total of over 1,500 appointments. Student feedback on peer tutoring services remains strong with over 95% of our students who experience tutoring feeling like they could be competent and independently apply what they learned in the tutoring sessions. As another exemplar, our learning specialists experienced a 12.5% increase in appointments and had a 35% increase in the number of individual students served. Our learning specialists reported that students tended to want support with student strategy, time management and using resources.

For the remainder of my time, I want to highlight some of the student and faculty accomplishments. The department of sociology and anthropology is particularly proud of their growing focus on student research. In addition to class-based research, Dr. Eppard published an article with 3 undergraduate students, entitled "The Continuing Association between Racial Prejudice and Government Assistance Beliefs." Dr. Allison Carey co-presented with a graduate student on "Representation of Intellectual Disability and Friendship in American Film."

Holly Garner, our director of G. Blues and Alison Mellott, another teacher education faculty member coauthored an article for the International Association of Laboratory Schools Journal, entitled "Personal Professional Perspectives and Exploration of the Shared Experiences of Teachers and Families During Pandemic Instruction." Four of our chemistry majors were selected to participate in the prestigious National Science Foundation Research experience for undergraduate programs. During the summer they were located at the University of Utah, Penn State, Middle Tennessee State University, and North Dakota State University. Nicole Santalucia, a faculty member in english, was a poet in residence for a week at Tioga Arts Council in Owego, New York in July. Dr. Lonce Bailey directed the US State Department study of the US Institute for Student Leaders from Europe. It was a five-week summer institute held here on campus focusing on environmental issues. It was the first of a two-year program funded by a \$340,000

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grant from the US State Department. Our ROTC cadets have significant summer experiences, and I'd like to highlight 2 cadets specifically. Both Cadet Robert Lissner and Cadet George Drivas, both senior exercise science majors earned RECONDO honors for exceeding every standard at advance camp this past summer with the highest levels of physical fitness, tactical proficiency and leadership excellence. Fewer than 12% of cadets nationwide accomplish this impressive feat. Thank you trustees for this opportunity to highlight programs, accomplishments and academic affairs.

From the Division of Administration & Finance

ACTION: The 23-24 Budget was motioned for adoption by Trustee Grell and seconded by Trustee DeJesus. Motion approved unanimously.

Purchases and contracts were shared for April 24, 2023-August 13, 2023.

From the Division of Enrollment Management

Dr. Megan Luft shared that the admissions team has visited over 5,000 high schools and made over 15,000 meaningful contacts to potential incoming students. Freeze will occur on 10/18 and the final numbers will be shared at the State of the Union address on 10/26. Many of the populations have seen increase, especially in the graduate area. Financial Aid is wrapping up the 2023 cycle and preparing for changes with the upcoming FAFSA. Marketing is working on increasing brand awareness through billboards, etc. The first open house of the season occurred on 9/9 with an 86% show rate.

Reports

APSCUF Report

Dr. Bennett thanked the trustees for their continued efforts to connect legislators and policymakers to advance the educational message of Shippensburg University. He encouraged the trustees to reach out to the departments and colleges to build more awareness and connections. He shared some faculty highlights: Dr. Christina Royce, Rhodes Scholar and resident at Hollin's University Children's Literature and Children's Book Illustration Program, Dr. Joseph Zume, awarded a 3-year NSF student research experience grant. Dr. Bennett then thanked of many mix-load and non-instructional faculty on campus that have helped enhance the learning experience (directors of special programs, ship start, academic advisors, librarians, counselors, multicultural student affairs, athletic directors and trainers.)

AFSCME Report

Stephanie Decker shared that the contract was ratified in August and thanked everyone for their hard work.

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SCUPA Report

Kyle Miller shared highlights that SCUPA members have been working to enroll ship start, first time in college, transfer and graduate students. Housing and residence life teams spearheaded significant updates in Naugle Hall. The recreation department implemented the new Ship Recreation App and it is available for download. The PAGE Center and Fraternity & Sorority Life have energized support and advocacy for survivors of gender-based violence along with prevention efforts. Alumni relations and multicultural student affairs and student affairs have been collaborating on a schedule of activities for homecoming weekend. The collective bargaining agreement that began in 2019 expired on 6/30/23 and negotiations for a new agreement are underway.

Alumni Association Report

Steve Thomas, President of the alumni association highlighted information past, present and future programs that are currently going on. Alumni weekend had almost 200 people stay in Harley Hall. For the 50th reunion dinner there were 85 attendees and 250 for the annual pub bus tour. 75 alumni returned for the Communications and Journalism reunion. 300 plus attendees were at the All-Greek alumni reunion and continues to be one of the staple activities for alumni weekend. For upcoming events, 5/31 & 6/1 will be the next alumni weekend and planning will start shortly. Today is the kick-off for the alumni board retreat and new board members will be elected. The multicultural mentoring program will be kicking off on 9/19 and will be using ShipConnects. The annual golf tournament is coming up and will be held at an alumni owned golf course. He thanked the trustees for their sponsorships of this event. Next Saturday is the annual legacy pinning. September will hold cookies & conversation with alumni and an away tailgate at Shepherd University. The alumni association will participate in the homecoming parade and the alumni awards of distinction.

Student Government Association Report- none

Graduate Student Association Board Report

Carissa Matthiesen and Alecedys Clarke shared they will be holding donuts & coffee the first Monday of each month to engage with graduate students. Ice cream socials, wing nights, movie night and game nights have been offered already and will continue. They are working with Karen Johnson and the graduate success center to revamp the graduate student association and connect more graduate students to the resources that are available, such as the writing center.

New Business – none

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Adjournment


The meeting adjourned at 2:57 PM.

Submitted by: Lorie Davis

Reviewed:



Doug Harbach, Chair, Council of Trustees



Bill Gindlesperger, Secretary, Council of Trustees