New members join Council of Trustees

The university’s Council of Trustees welcomed Jeffrey Coy ’73, L. Michael Ross and Charles Black ’12 as new members on Nov. 18.

The state Senate confirmed Gov. Tom Wolf’s nomination of the new trustees on Oct. 25. Each will serve a six-year term.

All three are alumni of the State System of Higher Education. Coy and Black are SU grads, while Ross is a Slippery Rock University alumnus.

A Shippensburg native, Coy previously served on both the Council of Trustees, including a stint as chair, and the State System Board of Governors. He has received an honorary doctorate in public service and the Distinguished Alumnus Award from SU.

Coy was elected to the state House of Representatives from the 89th Legislative District in 1982, serving 11 terms. When he left the House in 2004, he was named a commissioner on the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, retiring from the board in 2010. He continues to be active in several community organizations, including serving as right worshipful grand treasurer of the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Ross, of Chambersburg, has been president of the Franklin County Area Development Corp. (FCADC) since its founding in 1986. FCADC is responsible for the county’s comprehensive economic development strategy, and during Ross’s tenure has facilitated more than 730 projects with a total of $1.9 billion in new investments. Prior to joining FCADC, Ross worked for the Pennsylvania Department of Commerce. He is active in more than a dozen community and professional organizations.

Black, of Williamsport, is a teacher at Blessed Beginnings Child Care and Preschool, and previously worked for the state Department of Education. He volunteers for Odyssey of the Mind and the American Foundation

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Jeffrey W. Coy

L. Michael Ross

Charles Black
Kudos

Dr. THOMAS CROCHUNIS, associate professor of English, presented “Stranger than Fiction? Engaging with the Occasionally Troubled Stories of Female Distance Runners” as part of a featured roundtable session at the National Council of Teachers of English annual convention in Atlanta, Ga., in November. Roundtable participants examined sports content and culture as a way to explore diverse teaching practices. Crochunis also served as mentor to student Heather Ritter, who presented during a roundtable session titled “The Future Is Now: Exploring 21st Century Teaching Ideas with the Next Generation of English Teachers.” The two began their collaborative research in the spring with a student/faculty research grant.

Dr. M. BLAKE HARGROVE, associate professor of management, recently reviewed the article “Field study of a web service for stimulating positive stress: User experiences and effects” in the peer-reviewed information technology journal Interacting with Computers.

BRUCE HERRING, assistant director for planning and engineering in the Facilities Management and Planning Department, earned the certified educational facilities professional (CEFP) credential from APPA, the international association for educational facilities management professionals. The credentialing validates the competencies required for best management practices related to educational facilities.

Dr. JONATHAN SKAFF, professor of history and interim director of international studies, delivered the keynote address, titled “Forerunners of the Mongols: Diplomacy in the Age of the Turks and Tang,” at the Diplomacy in the Age of Mongol Globalization Conference at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in May. He presented “The Silk Road Slave Trade during the Tang Dynasty” in October as part of a lecture series at New York University Shanghai’s Center for Global Asia. His paper “The Recently Discovered Tang Tomb and Epitaph of Pugu Yitu (635–678) in Mongolia: New Light on the Tang-Tiele (Uighur) Alliance” was delivered at the T’ang Studies Association conference in Sarasota, Fla., in November.

Dr. CHERYL ZACCAGNINI, professor of special education, completed presentation proposal reviews for the International Council for Exceptional Children’s annual conference in Boston in April 2017. She also completed three manuscript reviews for the Journal of Special Education Technology: “Assistive Technology for Students with Disabilities: A legal analysis of issues,” “Examining augmented reality to improve navigation skills in postsecondary students with intellectual disabilities” and “Computer programming with early elementary students with Down Syndrome.”

Faculty job openings

The university is accepting applications for the following positions:

• Associate director, Academic Success Program; application review will begin after Dec. 15 close date.
• Assistant professor of educational leadership and special education; review of applications begins Jan. 23.
• Assistant/associate professor of educational leadership and special education; review of applications begins Jan. 23.

Applications are accepted through the university website only. More information on the positions is available there.

Grades are due Dec. 20

Fall semester grades are due by 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20.
Grade submission will be enabled in the myShip portal on Friday, Dec. 9. All grades will be processed online.
Contact the Registrar’s Office at ext. 1381 with any questions.

Fact

Fact is published by the Office of University Communications and Marketing for current and retired employees. The newsletter will resume in the spring semester.
The deadline to submit material to SUnews@ship.edu is noon on Monday of the week before publication.
Shippensburg University is an equal-opportunity educational institution.

Yarwood named associate dean

Denise Yarwood has been named associate dean of the Elnetta G. Jones School of Academic Programs and Services and its Office for Exploratory Studies.

Yarwood had served for two years as interim assistant dean. Prior to that, she was an adjunct instructor of psychology and a faculty advisor for exploratory students.

As an academic advisor, “I discovered a passion for working more closely with individual students,” Yarwood said. “I feel honored to have the opportunity to continue supporting our school and the students I have had the pleasure of working with and assisting the past four years.”

Under Yarwood’s tenure as interim assistant dean, what had been the Office of Undeclared Students was renamed the Office for Exploratory Studies to more accurately reflect its role.

Yarwood also created an emerging scholars program, aimed at incoming students who may need additional support as they begin their college careers. Last fall, Yarwood and Dr. Michelle Olexa, chair of the Department of Counseling Services, collaborated to establish Home@Ship, a program to help ease the transition to college for freshmen and other students new to SU.

“Denise has brought exceptional creativity, intelligence and compassion to her work with our exploratory students,” said Dr. Sarah Stokely, dean of academic engagement and student support. “We are grateful for her presence and the many ways that she is working to help our students succeed.”

“I am delighted to have the opportunity to collaborate with administration, faculty and staff colleagues on programs that assist not only our exploratory students, but many other students across campus,” Yarwood said. “It is my firm belief that such undertakings benefit not only our school’s students, but our institution as a whole.”
Senator, alumna to speak at commencement

Retired state Sen. Patricia Vance and Rebecca Howland '09-'11m will speak during winter commencement ceremonies.

Howland, program manager for the University of Massachusetts Civic Initiative, will present the address at the graduate ceremony at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, in Luhrs Performing Arts Center.

Vance will deliver her remarks during the undergraduate ceremony at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, in Heiges Field House.

Approximately 121 graduate and 304 undergraduate degrees will be awarded.

Tickets are not needed for either ceremony.

The Luhrs Center will open at 6 p.m., and guests should be seated by 6:45. The field house will open at 9 a.m.; guests should be seated by 10:30.

Employees are reminded that if a family member is graduating and participating in the undergraduate ceremony, they may present the diploma cover personally to the graduate. To do so, please send the student’s name and degree to Robin Maun at rmimaun@ship.edu by Dec. 9.

Participants in the undergraduate ceremony who wish to bring a guest may obtain a ticket for reserved seating by contacting Maun by Dec. 9.

Faculty who want to order academic regalia may contact the University Store at ext. 1600 from on campus or 477-1600 from off campus.

Faculty participating in the undergraduate ceremony should use the lobby entrance to Heiges and assemble by 10:30 a.m. in the locker room areas. Women will robe in the Lady Raiders locker room; men will robe in the main men's locker room. The platform party, administrators, special participants, etc. will robe in the Red Raiders locker room. The academic procession will form at 10:45 a.m. and start promptly at 11.

Requests for parking and reserved seating for guests with special needs should be submitted to Maun by Dec. 9.

In case of inclement weather, individuals should call Hotline at 477-1200 or check the university website or Facebook or Twitter pages for any schedule changes.

Additional questions should be directed to Maun (undergraduate ceremony) at ext. 1302 or Brian Johnson (graduate ceremony) at bjjohnson@ship.edu or ext. 1144.

Community service commitment earns national recognition

The Career and Community Engagement Center’s first attempt to calculate a university-wide total of volunteer service led to SU being recognized nationally for its efforts.

With nearly 5,000 students engaged in projects identified through CCEC’s records and a brief e-mail survey, SU was named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. Students volunteered almost 61,000 service hours to the projects.

“We are very pleased to be named to the president’s honor roll for community service. It validates what we have known for a long time — that our students, faculty, staff and administrators are tremendously involved not only on our campus but also in the community,” said CCEC Director Victoria Kerr.

The center now is expanding its tracking and recordkeeping initiative so it can more accurately tally projects led or sponsored by faculty, student groups and others. “We think it’s really important to honor this work. Our students’ education and personal development takes place both in and out of the classroom,” said CCEC Assistant Director Javita Thompson.

Individuals and groups across campus can expect to receive requests in the next few months for information on service-learning and other community service projects they participate in or organize.

Administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll recognizes those institutions “that support exemplary community service programs and raise the visibility of effective practices in campus–community partnerships.” It estimates that 3.1 million students engaged in 118 million hours of community service in 2014-15, with a value of $2.5 billion.

Trustees

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for Suicide Prevention, and advises the youth and government club at the Eastern Lycoming YMCA.

While a student at Shippensburg, Black interned in the Washington, D.C., office of U.S. Sen. Robert Casey. He was lieutenant governor and vice president of Circle K, served on the New Student Orientation Committee and was president of the Shippensburg University Democrats when it was named Pennsylvania Chapter of the Year in 2012.

The trustees also presented citations to three outgoing members in recognition of their years of service: Dennis Castelli, retired SU history professor, who served since 2003; Thomas Dunn '06, lead producer for OnMessage Inc., who served since 2009; and Charles Goodhart '74, executive director of the Pennsylvania Asphalt Pavement Association, who served since 2003.
Old Main ornament still is available

Shippensburg Public Library’s second annual holiday ornament featuring Old Main is available for purchase.

The cost is $15 each, with all proceeds going to the library’s construction and addition project.

Ornaments will be delivered to campus. Contact Jo Anne Coy at (717) 372-1130 or jrcoy@comcast.net. Provide your name, phone number or e-mail and the number of ornaments. You will then be contacted to arrange for delivery.

The 2015 ornament featuring the public library also is available for $15.

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CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

Bob Hale, Chair, called the October meeting of the University Forum to order at 3:34 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, in Lehman Library 106. The following members or alternates were present: Joseph Catania, Leslie Folmer-Clinton, Raven Francis, Sara Grove, Bob Hale, Billy Henson, Claire Jantz, Cynthia Koller, Kara Laskowski, Barbara Lyman, José Ricardo, Melissa Ricketts, Rick Ruth, Roger Serr, Mark Spicka, and Joseph Zume.

Others present included Barbara Denison and Sue Morin.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a Grove/Ricardo motion, the minutes of the meeting held on September 20, 2016, were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Correspondence with the University President

Hale reviewed correspondence with the University President from the September 20, 2016, meeting.

Minutes of the University President’s Cabinet

The minutes of the President’s Cabinet meetings from August 29 and September 26, 2016, were reviewed. There were no comments or questions from members of the University Forum.

Hale reported the primary highlights from the September meeting included the upcoming MSCHE review and enrollment management numbers.

Planning and Budget Council

Lyman reported the Planning and Budget Council met on October 12, 2016. There was not a budget, enrollment management, or technology/ITS report. Dr. Lyman did report on the following:

AMP/MSCHE/PRR – Activities continue to prepare for the University’s decennial reaccreditation by MSCHE. The review needs to be completed in 2018/2019 with a visit in the spring of 2019. Lyman has been invited to be on the review team for the April 2017 evaluation of Montclair State University in New Jersey, so this will present an early opportunity to learn more about the new process. With the revised standards, Shippensburg University will need to revisit its process of institutional review. At the end of October, Dr. Schoolcraft and a faculty member will be attending a MSCHE workshop on the Self-Study process.
University Strategic Plan—Lyman reported that at their upcoming meetings, both EMT and the USP Council will talk about the next steps for the plan and how divisions can tie in their own plans or planning processes.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Student Affairs Committee

Serr reported that this is Homecoming Week and it is busy with many activities planned. The Student Government Association is working on OrgSync, a platform that centralizes all information for the management of all the clubs.

Student Government Association

Francis reported the senators approved to change the name of the Student Senate to the Student Government Association. To improve efficiency they also approved a new position, Director of Internal Affairs.

Graduate Student Association

No report.

University Curriculum Committee

Henson reported the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) met on October 4, 2016. The following proposals were presented to Forum as informational items:

- 16-025 XXX-190 General Education Special Topic (Significant Revision)
- 16-030 CSC 521 Operating Systems (Minor Course Revision)
- 16-031 CSC 523 High Performance Computing (Minor Course Revision)
- 16-032 CSC 111 Computer Science II (Minor Course Revision)
- 16-039 ENGR 120 Programming for Engineers (Minor Revision)
- 16-040 ENGR 110 Modeling and Simulation (New Course)
- 16-041 MECH 200 Statics (New Course)
- 16-042 MECH 210 Dynamics (New Course)
- 16-043 MECH 220 Fluids (New Course)
- 16-044 MECH 300 Engineering Materials (New Course)
- 16-045 MECH 310 Manufacturing Processes (New Course)
- 16-046 MECH 400 Design Methods (New Course)
- 16-047 MECH 410 Mechanics of Thermodynamics (New Course)
- 16-048 ELEC 230 Instrumentation (New Course)
- 16-049 ELEC 330 Control Systems (New Course)
- 16-054 ESC 321 Exercise Physiology (Minor Course Revision)
- 16-055 ESC 340 Prevention and Care of Athletic Injuries (Minor Revision)
- 16-057 ELP 617 Survey Development and Measurement (New Course)
- 16-058 ELP 897 Dissertation Seminar Educational Leadership (New Course)
- 16-059 ELP 898 Dissertation I--Educational Leadership (New Course)
- 16-060 ELP 899 Dissertation II--Educational Leadership (New Course)
- 16-061 ENGR 100 Engineering Seminar I (New Course)
Grove questioned the staffing requirements surrounding the new engineering programs. Henson reported there are new classes being created. For now, current faculty will take on the classes until the new faculty come on board. Some of the new courses may not be filled for up to year until the students go through the program. Grove asked if the new faculty lines were guaranteed; Henson was unsure. Grove counted ten new courses and even with a double preparation, two new faculty would be needed. Henson reported some of the new courses are only one hour and Wellington will teach those.

The following proposals are presented to Forum for approval:

16-026 Honors in Psychology (Program Revision)

Grove moved to approve UCC proposal 16-026, seconded by Koller. Morin reported the minimum GPA was lowered to a 3.6 and the minimum GPA in the major was raised to a 3.8. An application process was added for those seeking to enter the program. The revision now has the honors program in line so that all are consistent. Motion carried.

16-027 Organizational Development and Leadership (Program Revision)
16-028 Organizational Development and Leadership (Program Revision)
16-029 Organizational Development and Leadership (Program Revision)

Grove moved to approve UCC proposals 16-027, 16-028, and 16-029, seconded by Ricardo. Denison reported the revisions are to accommodate a request made by the Registrar’s Office to make degree-audit work. The proposal clarifies suitable course substitutions due to capacity issues with PLS601. Additionally, concentrations were updated; four of nine concentrations were deleted and Leadership in Society was added. The concentrations that were deleted were under-enrolled. There is now a larger selection of courses for students. Motion carried.

16-036 IT Leadership Graduate Certificate (New Certificate Proposal)

Henson moved to approve UCC proposals 16-035 and 16-036, seconded by Ricketts. The proposal adds certificates to existing courses. The new certificates are viewed as enticement to complete the graduate program. Motion carried.

16-050 Arts & Sciences: Computer Engineering (Program Revision)
16-051 Arts & Sciences: Electrical Engineering (Program Revision)
16-052 Arts & Sciences: Mechanical Engineering (New Program Proposal)

Henson moved to approve UCC proposals 16-050, 15-051, and 16-052, seconded by Ricardo. Henson reported mechanical engineering is a new program and with the development of the program some classes were moved around changing some prerequisites for the computer and electrical engineering program. Grove questioned the impact on other departments, specifically Math and Physics. Henson reported there were meetings with the Math and Physics Departments. Grove requested information on the new program, specifically about the staffing, student participation, impact on the Math and Physics Departments if students leave the engineering programs, and 50% retention rate. Grove thinks the discussion in the UCC minutes
needs more detail. Grove made a motion to table the proposals, seconded by Joseph Zume, until the Department can provide additional information. Motion carried. Ruth suggested including input from representatives of the math and physics departments since they are impacted as well.

16-053 EHS: Exercise Science Major (Program Revision)

Henson moved to approve UCC proposal 16-053, seconded by Koller. Henson reported changes in prerequisites now that BIO237 and BIO238. BIO237 is also considered a Category C option. Motion carried.

16-056 EHS: Ed.D. Educational Leadership (Program Revision)

Henson moved to approve UCC proposal 16-056, seconded by Ricardo. Henson reported the program is continuing to make adjustments to improve the program. This revision splits the six credit-hour dissertation seminar into two separate three credit-hour seminars. Motion carried.

Henson added that the flowchart for distance education course proposals was updated and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

SU Policy 601-17, Verification of Attendance

Ruth reported the Verification of Attendance Policy is to comply with federal requirements for student aid. Shippensburg University has been through an audit regarding our procedures for verification of attendance and were found to be in compliance; we were cited to be used an example. The policy was created to follow procedures from the State System.

Discussion ensued among the faculty members regarding procedures for taking student attendance and the redundancy created by multiple programs, such as Banner and SSC Campus. Compliance will weaken if faculty members need to duplicate work. One faculty questioned whether taking attendance is now a requirement. Ruth responded that the policy is to ensure compliance with federal regulations which we have been doing. Ruth will review the reporting tools and present the policy again at the November meeting.

The next meeting for the University Forum for the 2016-17 AY is Tuesday, November 22, 2016.

All meetings will be held in Lehman Library 106 at 3:30 p.m. Please notify Dynel Miracle if you are unable to attend a given meeting. On a Koller/Ricketts motion, the meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

MINUTES Prepared by Dynel Miracle, Recording Secretary