



**Council of Trustees**

Friday, November 6, 2020 | 2:00 PM | via Conference Line

**MINUTES**

The Council of Trustees of Shippensburg University virtually met on Friday, November 06, 2020 at 2:00pm

**ATTENDANCE**

L. Michael Ross, Doug Harbach, Bill Gindlesperger, Andrew Alosi, Chuck Black, Seth Edwards, Glen Grell, Bryan Lowe, Toni Marchowsky, George McElwee, Matt Steck were in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM by Chairman L. Michael Ross.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Meeting minutes from September 18, 2020 were approved. Motioned by Grell and seconded by Marchowsky and passed unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON**

Great work making the semester successful. It took a lot of hard work and dedication from all, President Carter, her leadership team, students, faculty. Great job!

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Every member of the Ship Community- Thank you! Almost to the goal of November 20<sup>th</sup>. Huge sacrifices from everyone. Thank you all. The university did what everyone or many thought we couldn't do. Faculty and staff worked hard. Everyone stepped up. Thank you!

With the leadership of Dr. Stephanie Jirard, and students Lance Hines-Butts and Lucas Everidge and team, they created and implemented a Diversity week full of activities for all of the campus community. You will hear from Lucas and Lance later about their initiatives. "One Campus, Many Cultures"

Fall programming by the CUB team boasts 187 (about 13 per week) socially-distant programs and events for students to engage with and help mitigate the spread. Some virtual but many in person socially distanced with masks, including the Fire pits that we rolled out Halloween weekend.

Our fantastic programming team, homecoming committee and the Alumni office have been preparing for our upcoming Homecoming 2020 celebration "One Ship Family United Apart"- November 12, 13, 14.

Last week we officially signed a dual admissions MOU with Community College of Philadelphia that will allow students who received their Associates degree from CCP to automatically be admitted as a junior, waived application fee, opportunities for scholarships and easy transfer of credits into 8 different career pathways.

The third cohort of the Presidents Leadership Academy had record applications and accepted 16 faculty and staff members. They completed their kick off of the year long program on October 7 & 8.

After discussions with students, administration and faculty, the spring semester academic schedule has changed. The semester will begin on January 27 and three days will be designated throughout the semester as Raider Rest Days. These are non-instructional days for students and faculty, with no classes being held though university offices will be open. Co-curricular activities may be planned for those days, but the days will be a time for students to relax, get caught up, and rejuvenate.

The Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) continues to develop plans for the spring semester. Modifications to NCAA guidance related to the coronavirus are expected through the remainder of the calendar year.

Shippensburg University student-athletes continue strength and conditioning as well as small-group skill sessions with their coaches. Appropriate COVID-19 mitigation steps such as masking and social distancing are required during all workouts.

Both turf fields are being resurfaced with completion of the work expected prior to December 1.

Center for Excellence downtown home will be complete. Steam plant is also near completion.

Thanks and appreciation for Dr. Jim Mike. Wish him well in Hawaii. He will be missed here at Shippensburg.

Incredible journey and we did it! We did it because our Ship is Mighty.

## ENROLLMENT REPORT

### FROM THE PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

#### Approval of Programs

Asked for the Council of Trustees to approve the following academic programs:

- Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences
- Masters of Science in Supply Chain Analytics
- Master of Science in Administration of Juvenile Justice

Motion made by Harbach and seconded by Alosi and approved unanimously.

**From the College of Arts and Sciences**, Dr. Jim Mike, Dean of the College will be leaving Shippensburg University at the end of the semester after 15 years of exemplary service. We wish him all the best as he assumes his new position as founding Dean of the College of Natural and Health Sciences at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. As of December 15 2020, Dr. Lesley Brown, will assume the role as Interim Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences and continue in that role until a permanent dean is appointed. Dr. Brown has served as the Associate Dean in the College of Arts & Sciences since 2018 and before that occupied various administrative positions outside of SU. We congratulate Dr. Brown and wish her all the best as she transitions into her new role.

On the **Academic front** I want to acknowledge: Dr. Michael Levinstein, faculty member in the Department of Academic Engagement and Exploratory Studies, who published an article, *Examining the role of the student-advisor relationship in a holistic, intrusive advising approach for student retention*, in the Fall 2020 issue of the Journal of Access, Retention & Inclusion in Higher Education.

In addition, two Shippensburg Criminal Justice students received scholarship awards at the 40<sup>th</sup> annual virtual **Juvenile Court Judges Commission** ceremony on November 4.

**Ms. Jenna Kurtz**, a senior in the Criminal Justice Department was the recipient of the Dr. Thomas L. Austin Undergraduate Scholarship award and **Mr. Neal McFarland**, a graduate student and juvenile probation officer in the Allegheny County Juvenile Probation Department, received the **Dr. Anthony F. Ceddia** award for outstanding graduate scholarship in Juvenile Justice.

**And finally:** Civil & Mechanical Engineering had its first student, Dakota Maldonado, pass the Fundamentals of Engineering exam in Mechanical Engineering in September 2020. This is the first step in becoming a professional licensed engineer a milestone for Dakota and also the Civil and Mechanical Engineering program.

### **FROM THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

Great work to Mike Felice's entire team on their work with the consolidated financial report.

Contracts and Purchases were reviewed.

Report from Vicki Raivitch from CLA. She indicated that our financial report received a clean audit, unmodified opinion which is the highest that can be received.

Gindlesperger motioned to approve the financial statement. Edwards seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

### **STUDENT PRESENTATION**

Thank you to Lance Hines-Butts and Lucas Everidge for a wonderful presentation on diversity week.

### **APSCUF REPORT**

Dr. Kara Laskowski echoed appreciation for the student's effort for Diversity week. She said she has been seeing this type of leadership from students in many different areas and it is the bright spots that faculty have been experiencing.

Students are experiencing stressors due to the pandemic. Anonymous email from student about challenging of being disconnected and isolated. Sense of void that has been experienced by a less frequent coming together by a campus community. Thank those that have stepped into the void who have safely managed to create places of community. Faculty are working with departments and supporting pedagogical practices so we can think more creatively on how to create that community if we are delivering course remotely. Suggestions from faculty included forming learning pods, to hiking outside for teaching. Thank you to CETL and Lynn Baynum for bringing faculty together to share ideas. Faculty sharing strategies on how to teach in this environment.

Zoom like has presented challenges for everyone. Expanded workloads beyond the commutes that it saved. Hopefully it will lead to future planning even after the pandemic.

Partnered in the purchase of the book for faculty, So you want to talk about race. Faculty will engage in programming during that time of the delayed start.

Dr. Laskowski is serving as the state meet and discuss team chair. Relationships have improved with administration so much since 2003 when Kara joined the faculty. Thanks to Dr. Barton for leadership on planning and budgeting to help right our ship.

### **AFSCME REPORT – No report**

### **SCUPA REPORT**

Ms. Lori Smith publically acknowledged and thanked SCUPA staff as they were striving to serve students and the mission of the institution during this pandemic.

### **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REPORT**

Mr. Sisock reported that we are nearing homecoming, November 12-14<sup>th</sup>. He thanked Lori Smith and the alumni team for the events. Highlighted HOCO to GO box. Virtual Bingo. Throwback Thursday photos for alumni. Alumni awards of distinction. 6:00pm doing a virtual tour with McAllister Brewing Company housed in Philadelphia with three Shippensburg alumni.

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### **STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION REPORT**

Mr. Stephen Washington, SGA president reported that the student body motivation was at an all-time low the first few weeks. However, staff, students, faculty have worked tirelessly to really improve the engagement in daily life for students. Shout out to Dr. Laskowski for how to better engage students in the online environment.

Thank you to provost Ormond and faculty and deans for the Raider Rest Days in the spring. Will be a game changer. The student body also asked for possible Pass/ Fail alternate grading modality. Everyone did everything possible to be on campus for the fall semester. Thank you EMT and President Carter and COT for all of your support.

### **GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORT**

Ms. Fauzia Chaudhary, representative, shared that GSA provided opportunities for graduate students to grow mentally, physically and professionally. Mailed masks to all 800+ graduate students. Collaborated with the career center and gave graduate students the opportunity to get their resumes reviewed. Hosted an outdoor pumpkin carving event. Last Friday hosted first Breast Cancer awareness 5K walk. Received about \$300.00 in donations.

Needs assessment survey. Comments included: majority don't like the online classes. Asked students what they like about Ship and many answers include Faculty, staff and the small class sizes.

### **NAMING OF MAKERS SPACE**

#### **SU FOUNDATION**

Ms. Leslie Clinton asked Council of Trustees to name the Makers Space for Mr. and Mrs. Milton Morgann for their ongoing support to Shippensburg University. Grell motioned for this honor and Lowe seconded. It passed unanimously.

### **COMMENTS**

Ms. Marchowsky said that during this meeting it made her heart happy to show that the Shippensburg Family have pulled together to be in person this semester as well as showing our diversity and celebrating it . Showing our diversity. These past few months, weeks and even days, have been trying for our country.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Council of Trustees will take place on Friday, January 22, 2021.  
The meeting was adjourned at 3:09PM

Submitted by,  
Ms. Lorie Davis

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Reviewed by: Mr. L. Michael Ross  
Chair, Council of Trustees

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Mr. William Gindlesperger  
Secretary, Council of Trustees