MINUTES

The Council of Trustees of Shippensburg University met on Friday, September 7, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in the Ceddia Union Building, Multipurpose Room.

ATTENDANCE:

L. Michael Ross; Andrew Paris; Evan Redding; Andrew Alosi; Chuck Black; William Gindlesperger; Bryan Lowe; Antoinette Marchowsky; Douglas Harbach; Matthew Steck

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

Dr. Laurie A. Carter, President
Dr. Barbara Lyman, Provost & Executive Vice President
Mr. Scot Barton, Snr. Vice President for Administration & Finance
Dr. Donta Truss, Vice President for Enrollment Management & Student Success
Dr. Sue Mukherjee, Chief Strategy Officer
Dr. Kim Garris, Chief External Affairs Officer
Dr. Daniel Vélez, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Aaron Dobbs, Representing APSCUF
Mr. Curt Miller, President, AFSCME
Mr. Logan Wein, President, Student Government Association
Mr. Mark Bodenhorn, SU Alumni Association

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Chairman Ross

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments made.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COT MEMBERS:

Chairman Ross Welcomed and introduced all new COT members: Andrew Alosi; Bryan Lowe; Antoinette Marchowsky; Douglas Harbach; and Matthew Steck

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Approval of September 7th Minutes
• Correction Glenn Grell was at the meeting on September 7th and an amendment is made

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

The President of Shippensburg University, Laurie A. Carter, asked for reports from the Provost & Executive Vice President, the Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance, the Vice President for Enrollment Management & Student Success, the Chief External Affairs Officer, and the Chief Strategy Officer.

FROM THE PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT:
Dr. Barbara Lyman, Provost & Executive Vice President sought approval for the following:

• Faculty and students from the biology and chemistry departments participated in the 5th Annual PASSHE Undergraduate Research Conference on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Three SU students, accompanied by the faculty mentors, gave presentations about their summer research projects at the conference. Participants included Sean Braet, mentored by Dr. Allison Predecki, associate professor of chemistry; Paul Kavanaugh, mentored by Dr. Tom Frielle, associate professor of chemistry; and Emeleigh Luckenbaugh, mentored by Dr. Pablo Delis, professor of biology. Dr. John Richardson also attended in support of the student researchers. [Chemistry department facebook post, 10/27/18; email from Allison Predecki, 10/30/18]
• Dr. Matthew Shupp, associate professor of counseling and student personnel, and resident assistant Joseph Jacobs were featured as experts in a news story on FOX43 News. The story investigated “The College Mental Health Crisis.” [www.fox43.com; SU Facebook; October 15, 2018]
• Senior accounting major Joseph Kon received a $10,000 Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) Academic Scholarship. Kon is the first SU student to receive the scholarship. The scholarship program was created by Congress in 2002 as part of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act to encourage students to pursue careers in auditing. Kon was nominated by the Accounting faculty; their nomination particularly highlighted Kon’s incredible effectiveness as a tutor for the department. Kon was also one of three students, the others being Jordan Black and Ethan Baker, who earned prestigious Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) scholarships. The renewable scholarships are based on their academic success. [John L. Grove College of Business webpage; no date]
• Senior political science major and English minor Lucas Smith is one of 9 PASSHE students participating in The Harrisburg Internship Semester. The program, sponsored by PASSHE, provides students the opportunity to work in areas of state government while earning a full semester’s worth of credits. Smith’s assignment is a 15-week internship in the state Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs.
• Four SU Students in the Army ROTC earned the Distinguished Military Graduate designation. Cadets Johnathan Adami, Haylie Hardy, Patrick Hiller, and Reilly Kline, all seniors who will be commissioned as second lieutenants when they graduate in May 2019, are ranked in the top 20% of all ROTC cadets from nearly 1000 colleges and universities across the US. The designation is determined by performances in academics, physical fitness, and leadership potential over the course of time they were cadets.
• UPDATE: SUTV won 2 out of the 3 collegiate Emmy nominations received – in the Cultural Affairs and Sports divisions. SUTV received 3 collegiate Emmy nominations from the Mid-Atlantic Chapter
of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. The categories of the nominations are: College/University Student Production – Arts & Entertainment/Cultural Affairs for “Brass Camp”; College/University Student Production – Long Form for “Life on Gros Mangles”; and Sports – Live Event for “Mansfield at Shippensburg Men’s Basketball.” SU is the only PASSHE school among the 2018 nominees.

- Four Honors students will make invited presentations at the national Honor’s conference in Boston (Nov 8-11). The students are sophomore Luke Hershey (English Secondary Education major), junior Rachael Rudis (History Secondary Education major), and seniors Rachel Smith (English Secondary Education major) and Reece Dolbin (History and International Studies major).
- Three students in the Honors College were selected to participate in some amazing summer research programs this past summer. Junior Andrew Aumen was one of 24 students chosen to participate in a nuclear chemistry research program sponsored by the US Department of Energy. Senior Olivia Turner interned with the US Forest Service in Tongass National Forest in Alaska. Senior Nick Bingman was selected to participate in a National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

FROM THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE:
Mr. Scott Barton presented the following from Administration and Finance:

- Purchases made under the provisions of Act 188 as shown in Exhibit C.
- Contracts made under the provisions of Act 188 as shown in Exhibit D.
- Personnel Actions Non-Instructional to date as shown in Exhibit E.
- Financial Statements for the Years Ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 and Independent Auditors Report Approved – The Council was asked to approve Statements and a Report was provided within the “Financial Statements and Supplementary Information for Years Ended June 30, 2018 and 2017,” which was prepared by the auditing firm of Clifton Larson Allen as shown in Exhibit F. Motioned by Gindlesperger and Seconded by Redding
- Affiliated Organization Compliance – The Council was asked to adopt a Resolution, required on an annual basis, which certifies that all affiliated organizations are in compliance with Board of Governors policy 1985-04-A, as shown in Exhibit G. Motioned by Redding and Seconded by Paris

Student Affairs Division
Dr. Daniel Velez, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs presented the following from Student Affairs:

Athletics
- Field hockey won the NCAA Division II title; third straight. We are working on a celebration that is befitting a three-time championship team. Student Affairs partnered with SGA to send a fan bus of 21 students to the game (30 signed up).
- Men’s cross country placed 27th at the NCAA Division II Championships.
- Women’s cross country placed 28th at the NCAA Division II Championships.
- Men’s basketball won twice over the weekend to improve to 8-0 overall, 2-0 PSAC-East; ranked No. 20 in Division II.
- Women’s basketball won twice over the weekend to move to 4-3 overall, 2-0 PSAC-East.

Housing and Residence Life
1. Winter Break Prep
- Housing and Residence Life, Dining Services, and Campus Ministry are creating a plan to provide food option to students staying in the residence halls over the winter break.

2. Where’s Big Red Weekend Recap
• Stay Weekend went very well. We engaged students in a variety of different ways and all programs were well attended. An assessment will be sent out to all participants this afternoon so we can gather more qualitative data about the events that students liked and did not like. Below is a breakdown night by night and the various departments that hosted each event! I would estimate we had over 300 students attend various events throughout the weekend. Should have more raw data once I get swipe data from different events.
• Disney Trivia (RHA) and Zen Gardens (APB) were well attended!
• Winter Bingo (APB) and Cereal Crunch Lab (Dining & Residence Life) were very well attended. Students loved seeing Big Red at bingo and the Cereal Crunch Lab had over 150 in attendance. Any leftover cookies will be handed out this week to students to celebrate the last week of classes.
• Women’s and Men’s Basketball went well and we saw two great wins! We handed out about 500 t-shirts and the pep band was wonderful! Half-time contests were a huge hit (Athletics & Residence Life)! The winners are also listed below. Rec-It (Seavers Hall- Residence Life) hosted different recreational activities and large board games in ShipRec and it went very well. Midnight Crafts (RHA) was a lot of fun! Students completed 7 different crafts.
• Cookie Baking with the President was a HUGE success! Students loved interacting with President Carter and Big Red (Residence Life).

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT & STUDENT SUCCESS:
Dr. B. Donta Truss, Vice President for Enrollment Management & Student Success, presented a brief update on enrollment and student success initiatives, as follows:
• Every Students Story Matters
• 1% increase (72%) in retention
• 11% increase in first time in college
• Open House in November 17th and November 30 A Place for You

FROM THE PRESIDENT:
President Laurie A. Carter provided the following updates on activities within Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education and the Shippensburg University.

First Year Experience (FYE)
• A presentation on the First Year Experience was provided by Dr. Steve Burg, Professor/Department Chairperson, History & Philosophy, Dr. Laurie Cella, Associate Professor, English, Ms. Javita Thompson, Dir Office First Year Experience & Community Engagement, and Mr. Fred Horn, Student at Ship. Chairman Ross commented on the FYE as a model of what successful programs at the University. President Carter thanked the group for their presentation and their work to make the FYE program a success in its inaugural year.

President Carter provided comment as follows:
• State System going through its redesign with a very aggressive timeline. By April 2019 there will be frameworks for plans, formulas and discussion for system policy setting. From May through December 2019, universities must connect their systems and resources to that framework to ensure accountability.
• Ship continues to meet our priorities. We are aligning those priorities to our strategic plan. Regarding reaccreditation (i.e., MSCHE) President Carter notes we are working through the draft report. She also commented on the team chair visit. President Carter notes that the sesquicentennial committee is convening soon. She acknowledged Dr. Steve Burg for beginning the historical perspectives.
• Finally, President Carter acknowledged and thanked Michael Schaul, who was in the auditorium, for his service to the Council over the years and for his support of the university.
STUDENT REPORT

Mr. Logan Wein shared information on the following events:
- Candlelight Vigil
- Democracy Day (good student-voter turn-out)
Mr. Logan also congratulated the women’s cross-country team and invited to the newest trustees to reach out to President Wein to meet.

APSCUF REPORT

Dr. Aaron Dobbs discussed encouraged continued support of the Student Emergency Fund and noted the following:
- APSCUF supported polling activities at Ship (great turn-out)
- The new Faculty Athletic Mentor Program going very well
- Appreciative of new part-time faculty member for the Pep Band, which makes its return on December 1 at the basketball games.

AFSCME REPORT

No report

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REPORT

Mr. Mark Bodenhorn, President of the Alumni Association presented information on a number of events sponsored by the Alumni Association and Office. Some included:
- Raider Pride Pass it On; Alumni Team Pinning Day—pinning legacy students from parents/family members (35);
- February 2019 Shipmates program—alumni members who have found themselves here at ship;
- Career Mentoring and Professional Mentoring Program and Alumni sponsored a bus; Raider connect 365 program (an alumni mentoring program in connection with Career Mentoring and Professional Development Program);
- Homecoming Activities a success (great feedback); Alumni Event in Carlisle next month; Ice fest in Chambersburg next month; Alumni weekend May 31 June 1

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Council of Trustees will take place on Thursday, January 31, 2019

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 a.m. after a motion by Gindlesperger and seconded by Alosi. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

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