

UNIVERSITY FORUM

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

3:30 p.m. in LL 205

Cella called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM

The following Forum members were present: Joseph Beck, Dara Bourassa, Niel Brasher, Turi Braun, Matthew Cella, Lorie Davis Sheetz, Aaron Dobbs, Nicole Hill, Shari Horner, Grant Innerst, Megan Luft, Robin McCann, Kate McGivney, Harun Pacavar, Carlos Rojas, Manny Ruiz, Ali Sina Sharifi, Jolinda Wilson

Guest: Robert Lesman

Approval of the Past Minutes

On a McGivney/Innerst motion, the minutes of the January 23, 2024, meeting were approved.

Review of Chairperson's Correspondence with the President of the University

Cella informed Forum that President Patterson approved the January correspondence memo.

Review of President's Cabinet Minutes

Cella provided highlights from the January 29th Cabinet meeting. Meeting notes from President's Cabinet are available at <https://www.ship.edu/about/leadership/president/cabinet/>

University Curriculum Committee Report

Innerst brought the following to Forum for review and approval or as information items.

- The following UCC items were presented as information items.
 - 23-1005 ENG - 114 - Academic Writing
 - 23-1060 ENG - 426 - Teaching Adolescent Literature
 - 23-1061 ENG - 423 - Field Studies in English, Secondary Certification
 - 23-1089 PLS - 326 - Politics and Popular Culture
 - 23-1091 PLS - 344 - Sport in Comparative Political Perspective
- In addition, the following items were discussed and are included as informational items to Forum:
 - Accelerated (4+1) Programs Policy Clarification
When language related to Accelerated (4+1) Programs was updated in the Undergraduate Catalog, a clause was inadvertently included that does not appear in the PASSHE guidelines, does not apply to Shippensburg University's situation, and has created confusion. Therefore, as a point of clarification, the phrase "Students may not take additional graduate courses, beyond those approved to satisfy their undergraduate degree, until the conferral of their undergraduate degree" shall be removed.

- The following proposals were passed by UCC and were presented to Forum for approval. Innerst motioned to approve UCC proposal(s):
 - The following proposals were reviewed as a block:
 - 23-1012 Minor in Hispanic Studies
 - 23-1017 Minor in Professional Spanish
 - Lesman spoke to these proposals. Both proposals use existing course resources and will enhance students' viability in the workplace, one through language and cultural knowledge and the other provides more rigorous training in language skills. Elective flexibility has been built into each minor so course rotations and resources will not be an issue. Proposals 23/1012 and 23-1017 were approved.
 - 23-1100 Social Work, M.S.W.
 - Innerst spoke to this proposal. This is a joint program with Millersville. Ship SWK is removing and adding courses to match the Millersville program. Proposal 23-1100 was approved.

Planning and Budget Council

Hill reported – The Council continued to review and discuss the university's financial statement that was presented by Wilson at their previous meeting. They received a preliminary spring registration update. Reviewed information provided by Luft on recruitment and registration numbers as this information pertains to the university's sustainability plan. They also reviewed information presented by Wilson regarding personnel from SAP reporting and instructional vs. noninstructional expenses for feedback.

Student Affairs Committee

Sheetz provided the attached Student Affairs Report in advance of the meeting. Sheetz asked that everyone share the location of the lactation rooms on campus with students. The next steps for the National Collegiate Health Assessment were shared. The findings of this assessment will be shared with the campus community in the coming months. She explained the evaluation process that fraternity and sorority chapters now must undergo on a yearly basis. The chapters must create smart goals and participate in a poster session to show their contributions to the greater good. Throughout their academic year, each chapter is evaluated based on their smart goals and posters. They are ranked into categories of excelling, contributing, developing, and existing. Chapters that rank in the existing category are given challenges to do better. If they remain in the existing category for two years in a row, they could lose their recognition at SU. Sheetz defined "existing" as basically doing nothing. Sheetz disclosed that the groups that currently fall in the existing category all have conduct issues. Sheetz thanked Brigitte Allen, the Director of Fraternity and Sorority, for her work on the new evaluation process. Upcoming events include tonight's Gatorade Fest. This is a collaboration between Wellness and student athletes to raise funds for the Harbor and promote responsible drinking. Ship's Got Talent is coming up on March 21st.

Report from Student Association

Pacavar reported that they are currently going through the officer election process, which includes president and four vice president positions. Electronic voting will take place on Feb. 26th. There has not been a lot of interest in running for the open positions. Senator elections will take place in March. The SGA Constitution review committee is ahead of schedule. Their goal is to propose the revised SGA Constitution to SGA before the March 28th public meeting. They hope to have the SGA Constitution changes on the April ballot. SGA will be involved at the upcoming Admitted Students Day, Open Houses, International Women's Day event, and a pop-up event in the CUB on March 5, from 11am to 1pm.

Ali Sina Sharifi reported that SGA continues to talk with campus police regarding pedestrian safety on campus. Pacavar added that SGA has received multiple complaints from students regarding reckless driving on campus.

Report from Graduate Student Association - None

New Business – Cella mentioned the distance education policy that is working its way through UCC now. The policy may reach Forum by the end of the academic year.

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 PM

Minutes prepared by Pam Bucher, recording secretary, 2/22/2024.

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Lactation Rooms for students

Horton Hall - Rm. 102

Lehman Library - 2nd Fl., Rm 203 (Note: Circulation desk has the key)

PAGE Center – CUB Rm. 232

National Collegiate Health Assessment (NCHA) next steps

Dr. Tomoko Grabosky, Dr. Amber Norwood, Kurt Dunkel

- Fall 2023- Students completed assessment
- February 2024- Conduct listening sessions with focus groups of students to compare qualitative data to the quantitative data we received from the assessment.
- March 2024- Share with EMT and then campus wide

Fraternity and Sorority Life

Campus Chapter evaluation results were given. All Fraternities and sororities are ranked into categories of excelling, contributing, developing, and existing.

Upcoming Key events:

Gatorade Fest	February 20 @ 7PM	CUB MPR	Raising funds for the Harbor
Ship's Got Talent	March 21 @ 7PM	Luhrs Center	