Minutes of Meeting

Council of Trustees

Minutes Of September 5, 2001

The Bloomsburg University Council of Trustees met in the Gathering Place of Andruess Library, September 5, 2001 at 10:30 a.m. Those in attendance:

Council of Trustees
    Dr. Joseph J. Mowad, Chair
    Mr. A. William Kelly, Vice Chair
    Mr. Robert W. Buehner, Jr., Secretary
    Ms. Ramona H. Alley, Immediate Past Chair
    Mr. Steven B. Barth
    Mr. Richard F. Beierschmitt
    Mr. Robert J. Gibble
    Ms. Marie Conley Lammando
    Mr. LaRoy G. Davis
    Mr. Joseph W. Radzievich

University Personnel
    Dr. Jessica S. Kozloff, President
    Dr. Pat Schloss, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
    Dr. Preston Herring, Vice President for Student Life
    Ms. Sharon Meyer, Vice President for Administration
    Ms. Carol Chronister, Administrative Coordinator, President's Office

Council of Trustees Advisors
    Dr. Roy Pointer, President of Bloomsburg Chapter of APSCUF
    Ms. Veronica Breisch, President of Bloomsburg Chapter AFSCME
    Ms. Kathy Mulka, President of Bloomsburg Chapter, SCUPA
    Ms. Mary Ann Klemkosky, Representing the BU Alumni Association
    Mr. David Conlan, President of Community Government Association

State System of Higher Education
    Mr. Robert Mulle, Chief Legal Counsel
    Ms. Jacqueline Conforti-Barnett, University Legal Counsel
    Mr. James Dillon, Department of Finance

Call to Order
    Dr. Joseph J. Mowad, Chair of the Council of Trustees, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance. Special guests included: Mr. Robert Mulle, Chief Legal Counsel for the State System of Higher Education; Mr. James Dillon, Department of Finance for the State System of Higher Education; Ms. Jacqueline Conforti-Barnett, University Legal Counsel for the State System of Higher Education; Mr. Anthony Ianiero, former Executive Director of Bloomsburg University Foundation; and Mr. Percy Miller, Fire Chief of the Town of Bloomsburg.

Pledge of Allegiance
    In accord with House Resolution Number 32, Dr. Mowad requested that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Dr. Mowad invited public comments.
    For the Record: Dr. Roy Pointer, President of APSCUF, commented that he did not agree with Dr. Jim Dutt's comments at the June 13, 2001 quarterly meeting indicating that Bloomsburg University cannot financially compete with industry and replace professors with the system's current pay scale. At that meeting, Dr. Dutt stated that there is a high demand for information systems/finance people and in order to offer quality programs, faculty contracts should be based on the supply and demand of professors in the fields. Dr. Pointer noted that there are college-wide difficulties regarding hiring. However, departments in a similar field, i.e. Math and Science Department, have successfully hired qualified faculty.

The Community Government Association and student Trustee will host Concrescence 2001 in October. Trustees are urged to attend this
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Trustee Radzievich requested that the June 13, 2001 minutes be amended to read, “Chairman Gomulka stated, as we go forward, we must recognize going back to the legislature is not going to be the answer.”

A motion was made by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Radzievich, and unanimously carried that the June 13, 2001 minutes be approved.

Trustee Resolutions

Trustee Kelly was recognized by Dr. Mowad to lead discussion of a Trustee Resolution. Trustee Kelly presented for consideration and adoption, seconded by Trustee Alley, and unanimously approved, a Resolution and plaque recognizing Mr. Anthony Ianiero for his distinguished service and leadership to Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Mowad presented a plaque and Resolution to Mr. Ianiero.

Mr. Ianiero thanked the Council of Trustees, President Kozloff, administration, faculty, staff, and students for giving him the opportunity to serve Bloomsburg University from 1984-2001.

New Business

Dr. Mowad reported that the Council of Trustees met earlier in the day for a Trustee orientation workshop with Mr. Robert Mulle, Chief Legal Counsel, State System of Higher Education. At this time, Dr. Mowad recognized President Kozloff to discuss the 2002-2003 budget request.

President Kozloff indicated that the Office of the Chancellor requires an annual report showing the preceding year's budget and the projected budget for 2002-2003. Dr. Kozloff discussed the negative budget figure of $2,959,224, which is not a deficit but is shown as a need to the legislature for next year. Given the expectations/guidelines of the State System of Higher Education and our needs at Bloomsburg University, we will resolve the deficit figure through additional revenue streams, transfers and additional cost reductions; the Trustees are not endorsing a deficit budget. As part of the budget request, President Kozloff and Vice President Schloss gave an overview of the 2001-2003 goals for Bloomsburg University that was previously approved by the Council of Trustees. A motion was made by Mr. Buehner, seconded by Trustee Barth, and unanimously approved to accept the 2002-2003 budget request.

Dr. Mowad recommended the approval of Non-Instructional Emeritus Status for three employees: Ms. Jane Bennett, Ms. Bonnie Berger, and Mr. William Bisset. The motion to approve Non-Instructional Emeritus Status was seconded by Trustee Beierschmitt, and unanimously approved.

President Kozloff reviewed her President's Report to the Council of Trustees and a copy will be appended to these minutes; the remaining items of the agenda are of an informational nature and do not require action.

Academic Affairs

Dr. Mowad recognized Provost and Vice President Schloss to present an overview of the proposed Doctorate of Audiology degree. Dr. Schloss introduced Dr. Richard Angelo, Chairman and Professor of the Audiology and Speech Pathology Department/Clinical Services Director.

Dr. Schloss indicated that audiology across the Commonwealth and nation has been recognized as a high demand discipline. The growing need of senior citizens and neonatal institutes for diagnostic work and amplification has placed a large demand on existing professionals. At the same time that shortages exist in hospitals and rehabilitation agencies, we are experiencing a situation where the accrediting bodies will no longer accept a master's degree in audiology and will turn to the audiology doctorate (Au.D.) as the first professional degree. Dr. Angelo discussed the new professional standards in Audiology and the Doctorate of Audiology and the specifics of this proposal.

Trustee Kelly noted that he recently accompanied State Senator Lemmond on a visit to Bloomsburg University. Senator Lemmond was very impressed with the university, as well as the Audiology and Speech Pathology Department.

A motion was made by Mr. Buehner, seconded by Mr. Davis, and unanimously approved to submit the proposed Doctorate of Audiology degree at Bloomsburg University to the Board of Governors.

General Administration

Dr. Mowad recognized Trustee Buehner, Chair of the General Administration Committee, to lead the discussion of the General Administration items.
Trustee Barth seconded following discussion of the Approval of Purchasing Activity Under Act 188; and upon motion by Trustee Buehner, this item was unanimously approved.

Trustee Buehner made a motion, seconded by Trustee Davis, and unanimously approved to make a contribution of $38,000 to the Town and Bloomsburg Fire Department to be used exclusively for volunteer fire services in the Town of Bloomsburg and for no other purposes.

Dr. Mowad recognized Mr. Percy Miller, Fire Chief, to accept the check. Chief Miller thanked the Council of Trustees for the generous donation.

Act 188 provides that the Council of Trustees of each of the universities approves a recommendation from the President pertaining to annual capital budget requirements. Trustee Buehner referred the Council of Trustees to Exhibit F. Following discussion of the 2002-2003 Capital Budget Request and upon motion by Trustee Buehner, this item was seconded by Trustee Gibble and unanimously approved. This budget request will be forwarded to the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education.

Trustee Buehner indicated that the remaining items are of an informational nature. Trustee Buehner recognized Vice President Meyer to discuss the Investment Portfolio Quarterly Report and Administration and Finance Report. Ms. Meyer updated the Trustees on the key performance indicators, Performance and Outcomes budget report, informational items, and construction status report.

Student Life
Dr. Mowad recognized Trustee Davis, Chair of the Student Life Committee, to lead discussion on the Student Life item. Trustee Davis indicated that there was no Student Life informational or action item. However, Trustee Davis reminded Trustees of the PACT Conference at Cheyney University on October 18-19, 2001.

Discussion occurred regarding the universities within the state system that have a room waiver policy. Trustee Davis requested a written report regarding the financial aspects of such programs.

University Advancement
Dr. Mowad recognized Trustee Alley, Chair of the University Advancement Committee, to lead the discussion of University Advancement item. Trustee Alley recognized Dr. Sue Hicks, representing Dr. Michael Vavrek, to report on this informational item. Dr. Hicks presented an overview of the Gift Summary by Constituency Report.

Other Business
Trustee Mowad recognized Trustee Barth, Chair of the Trustee Investment Committee, to lead the discussion. Trustee Barth presented a progress report on the activities of this committee. An updated Trustee Investment report will be presented at the December 12, 2001 meeting.

Bloomsburg University will host the PACT Conference in October 2002. Dr. Mowad noted that Trustees Davis (chairman), Alley, Buehner, Conley, Lammando, and administration officials volunteered to serve on the PACT Conference Committee.

Dr. Mowad reminded Trustees of the Centennial Hall Dedication scheduled at 1:30 p.m. There being no other business and upon motion by Trustee Mowad, seconded by Trustee Davis, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Robert Buehner, Jr. Carol L. Chronister
Secretary Administrative Coordinator