Minutes of June 11, 2003 Meeting

The Bloomsburg University Council of Trustees met in the Ballroom of the Kehr Union, June 11, 2003, at 11:20 a.m. Those in attendance:

Council of Trustees
- Mr. A. William Kelly, Chair
- Mr. Robert J. Gibble, Vice Chair
- Mr. Steve Barth, Secretary
- Dr. Joseph J. Mowad, Past Chair
- Mr. Richard Beierschmitt
- Ms. Ramona H. Alley
- Ms. Marie Conley Lammando
- Mr. LaRoy Davis
- Mr. David Petrosky

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
- Dr. Richard Rugen, Vice President for Administration and Finance
- Dr. Michael Vavrek, Vice President for University Relations and Executive Director of the Bloomsburg University Foundation
- Ms. Nancy Vought, Administrative Assistant, President's Office

Council of Trustees Advisors
- Ms. Jacqueline Conforti Barnett, University Legal Counsel
- Ms. Amy Hess, President, Community Government Association
- Ms. Veronica Breisch, President of Bloomsburg Chapter, AFSCME
- Ms. Gretchen Osterman, President of Bloomsburg Chapter, SCUPA
- Dr. Roy Pointer, President of Bloomsburg Chapter, APSCUF

Call to Order
Mr. A. William Kelly, Chair of the Council of Trustees, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance. He reported the Trustees met earlier in the day for the Inspection of Facilities of Haas Center for the Arts, Nelson Field House, Sutliff Hall and Benjamin Franklin Hall.

Trustee Kelly then introduced special guests in attendance: Amy Hess, President, CGA; Ms. Veronica Breisch, Ms. Gretchen Osterman; Dr. Richard Angelo; Ms. Jacqueline Conforti Barnett, University Legal Counsel, Mr. Jeff Cooper, Chief Legal Counsel, SSHE, and Chip Coffman, Mayor, Town of Bloomsburg.

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

Public Comments
Trustee Kelly invited public comments from those attending the meeting.

Mayor Chip Coffman asked the Trustees to consider the concept of mutual aid between the police departments of the Town of Bloomsburg and the University if the Mowery Bill, or authorizing agreements of this type, passes the state legislature.

Trustee Davis commented that this proposal was discussed in the past and he had concerns about liability. Jeff Cooper, Chief Legal Counsel, indicated that the Mowery Bill would provide protection for university employees. Trustee Davis then moved that the Council of Trustees review this concept when the bill passes, seconded by Trustee Beierschmitt, and unanimously carried.

Dr. Roy Pointer, Bloomsburg Chapter APSCUF, informed the Trustees that this would be his last meeting as President. He gave a brief update on contract negotiations conducted on Friday, June 6, 2003. Two more meetings will be held before the contract expires at the end of June.
Ralph Schumacher, volunteer head coach for the Women's Bloomsburg University Rugby Club, addressed the Trustees to inform them of the Club’s efforts to purchase the old Danville High School athletic field. He then asked to use CGA vehicles for a Rugby Club trip to Ottawa, Canada, which determined to be inappropriate for discussion at this meeting.

Minutes of the Council of Trustees

A motion was made by Trustee Kelly, seconded by Trustee Beierschmitt, and unanimously carried that the April 16, 2003 minutes be approved.

Trustee Resolutions

Trustee Kelly recognized Trustee Barth, Secretary of the Council of Trustees, to lead discussion of the Trustee Resolutions. Trustee Barth presented for consideration and adoption, Resolutions recognizing Ms. Carol L. Chronister and Dr. Roy Pointer. These motions were seconded by Trustee Alley, and unanimously approved.

WHEREAS, Ms. Carol L. Chronister served as a staff member at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania from February 28, 1972 to April 9, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chronister served as secretary in Residence Life, Executive Secretary to the Vice President of Student Life, and secretary in the Department of Nursing; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chronister served as Administrative Coordinator to the Council of Trustees, and the President; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chronister's services have enhanced and improved the quality of education at Bloomsburg University; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania hereby extends to Ms. Chronister their appreciation to an outstanding employee, colleague, and friend to many for her service to the Trustees, faculty, staff, students, and citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, their gratitude for her dedication, and, their best wishes for all future endeavors.

WHEREAS Dr. Roy Pointer served as president of Bloomsburg University's chapter of APSCUF from July 1, 1995 to June 30, 2003; and

WHEREAS Dr. Pointer was a valued advisor to the President of Bloomsburg University and the Council of Trustees during this period; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pointer's services have enhanced and improved the quality of education at Bloomsburg University; and

WHEREAS Dr. Pointer is now relinquishing his office in order to devote more time to his classroom and other interests;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania hereby extends to Dr. Pointer their appreciation to an outstanding teacher, scholar, colleague and friend to many for service to the students/citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, their gratitude for his dedication, and, their best wishes for all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these Resolutions be made a part of the official minutes of the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University and that copies be presented to Ms. Carol L. Chronister and Dr. Pointer.

New Business

President

President Kozloff reviewed her President's Report for June 2003 with the Trustees. A copy of the report will be appended to the minutes.

Trustee Gibble recommended a motion, seconded by Trustee Barth, and unanimously approved to confer Non-instructional Emeritus Status to Ms. Joanne Fedder (Residence Life).

President Kozloff informed the Trustees that Faculty Emeritus status was conferred upon Dr. Wayne Anderson (Chemistry) and Mr. Ronald DiGiondomenico (Administrative Faculty/Academic Advisement).

Academic Affairs

Trustee Kelly recognized Trustee Beierschmitt, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, to lead the discussion of an action item. Trustee Beierschmitt introduced Dr. Pat Schloss, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Vice President Schloss introduced Dr. Ann Lee, Dean of Professional Studies and Dr. Robert Gates, Chair of the Department of Educational Studies and
Secondary Education, to discuss the secondary education curricular revision/120 credits. Dr. Gates facilitated a computer presentation outlining the changes as a result of this revision.

General Administration

Trustee Kelly recognized Trustee Mowad, Chair of the General Administration Committee, to lead discussion on the General Administration items. Trustee Mowad recommended approval of the Resolution for Inspection of Facilities, seconded by Trustee Davis, and unanimously approved.

Trustee Mowad recommended, seconded by Trustee Gibble, and unanimously approved to approve purchasing activity under Act 188 in excess of $10,000 for October 22, 2003 through February 25, 2003.

Trustee Mowad introduced Dr. Rich Rugen, Vice President for Administration and Finance, for the purpose of discussing Capital Projects Request. Dr. Rugen made reference to Exhibit E which recommended prioritization for funding/authorization for FY 2003-04 through 2008-09. Projects on the list, in order of priority, include Ben Franklin renovation, furniture and equipment for the Hartline addition, furniture and equipment for Navy Hall, Haas addition/renovation, Nelson Field House renovation, Sutliff Hall addition and Waller renovation.

In response to Trustee Mowad's question, Dr. Rugen indicated that funding for some of the projects listed were already authorized. Trustee Gibble asked if other projects were in jeopardy because of this prioritized list. Eric Milner, Assistant Vice President for Administration, stated that an opportunity exists to reauthorize funding if necessary. Trustees Gibble and Barth further questioned Dr. Rugen about the College of Business/Sutliff Hall project, justifying projects and pursuing energy efficiency projects.

Trustee Mowad moved to approve the Capital Projects Prioritization, seconded by Trustee Davis, and unanimously approved.

Dr. Rugen made brief remarks about information in Addendum A. He noted the Tri-Level parking garage, part of the current capital plan and presently under reconstruction, could have been a more serious problem.

Trustee Kelly remarked that the facilities tour conducted prior to the quarterly meeting was very successful and he commended the maintenance departments on their outstanding commitment to maintaining the campus complex.

Student Life

Trustee Kelly recognized Trustee Conley Lammando, Chair of the Student Life Committee, who introduced Dr. Preston Herring, Vice President for Student Life. Dr. Herring introduced Jean Downing, Director of the SOLVE office, who gave a report on student involvement in community work study, volunteer and service learning opportunities. Ms. Downing reported that service/volunteer opportunities for Bloomsburg University students this past year included assisting non-profit organizations in Columbia and Montour counties, tutoring over 300 students, the migrant children project with CSIU, Compeer awareness program and voter registration.

Ms. Downing then introduced Dr. Diana Zoelle who gave an overview of the Model U.N./Bloomsburg University project. Dr. Zoelle has been working with the SOLVE Office and the Berwick School District to implement this project and noted that over 100 students have participated. A video, prepared by Bloomsburg University Mass Communications, was shown to the Trustees.

University Relations

Trustee Kelly recognized Trustee Barth, Chair of the University Relations Committee, to lead the discussion of the University Relations items. Trustee Barth introduced Dr. Michael Vavrek, Vice President for University Relations and Executive Director of the Bloomsburg University Foundation.

Dr. Vavrek expressed his appreciation to the Trustees for recognizing and passing Resolutions in honor of Dr. Roy Pointer and Ms. Carol L. Chronister.

Dr. Vavrek noted that the Gift Summary by Constituency report as of May 30, 2003 included the results of major increases in faculty/staff donations. He reported a 25 percent increase in the number of participants and dollar support. Dr. Vavrek commended Jim Hollister and Linda Hill for their efforts.

Dr. Vavrek introduced Doug Hippenstiel who gave a presentation on the new alumni Website/global community. Mr. Hippenstiel reported that the new system, launched on January 27, 2003, is reaching 16,000+ alumni. More than 4,100 alumni have registered since this date. He further reported that utilizing this e-mail system has a potential savings of $37,000-$67,000 yearly. In response to Trustee Kelly's question to percent of alumni webbed, Mr. Hippenstiel indicated that approximately 87% have internet access through home computers or work site computers.

Other Business
Trustee Kelly recognized Trustee Gibble, Vice Chair of the Council of Trustees, to present an action item. Trustee Gibble called on President Kozloff to describe her sabbatical request. President Kozloff will serve as a senior fellow to the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) during her spring 2004 sabbatical leave. Now in her 10th year at Bloomsburg University, President Kozloff will act as a presidential consultant with the Washington, D.C.-based association. As a consultant, she will concentrate on the American Democracy Project, which involves 138 colleges and universities across the United States. During her sabbatical, Pat Schloss, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, will serve as acting president.

Trustee Gibble made a motion, seconded by Trustee Alley, and unanimously approved to endorse the President's request for a sabbatical for the spring 2004 semester and to recommend its approval by the Chancellor.

Trustee Kelly drew attention to the meeting calendar for 2003-2004. He asked the Trustees to mark these dates on their calendars. He also indicated that some executive committee meeting dates on the calendars would be replaced by workshops.

Trustee Kelly congratulated Trustee Alley for being selected as the "2003 Woman of the Year" national award recipient from the American Druze Society.

Adjournment

There being no other business and upon motion by Trustee Kelly, seconded by Trustee Barth, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Steve Barth Lisa K. Hemrick
Secretary Administrative Assistant

President's Report to the Council of Trustees
June 2003

Even though it's summer, our students and faculty continue to receive recognition.

The Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference has named a group of outstanding student-athletes as the league's Spring Top Ten Awards winners. The Top Ten Awards, selected by the PSAC's sports information directors, recognize student-athletes who distinguish themselves in the classroom, as well as in the arena of competition. The Conference designates Top Ten Award winners after each of the sports seasons: fall, winter and spring.

To be a candidate for the Top Ten Awards, a student-athlete must have achieved a minimum of a 3.25 cumulative grade point average and must be a starter or key reserve, with legitimate athletic credentials. Only student-athletes from the spring sports season are eligible for the Spring Top Ten Awards. Those sports are: baseball, golf, women's lacrosse, softball, tennis and track & field.

Bloomsburg University's Erin Bartsch, who graduated this spring, is one of the top ten. Erin, a political science major, carried a 3.50 GPA. This past season she was named the PSAC Athlete of the Year for women's tennis for the second consecutive year. She compiled a 16-2 dual meet record in singles play and a 21-6 mark in doubles. She led Bloomsburg to a sub-regional championship and a berth in the NCAA Championship. Erin, the ITA East Region Senior of the Year, was 83-15 in singles and 75-28 in doubles over her four-year career.

The National Science Foundation awarded a grant of $24,224 to Bloomsburg University for support of the project under the direction of Michael K. Shepard, Associate Professor of Geography and Geosciences, and Beth Ellen Clark, entitled: "Multi-Wavelength Observations and Analysis of Asteroid 2100 Ra-Shalom."

Karl Beamer, Associate Professor of Art, has received the 2003 Kutztown University Alumni Rothermel Award for Professional Achievement. He received his B.S. in art education at Kutztown in 1966 and later received his MFA in ceramics and sculpting at Penn State University. Beamer has worked for nearly 15 years with Japanese ceramicist Shiho Kanzaki. In 1999, he spent four months in Japan, creating and wood-firing works and had two exhibits there. Beamer's work has been featured in videos produced by Bloomsburg University television services and the University of Iowa, Ceramics Monthly magazine, School Arts Magazine. He was a participant in an international wood-firing conference at the University of Iowa and will lecture there again in the fall semester.

As you can see and hear from walking around campus, there is a great deal of construction. Roofs and windows are being
replaced, and the tri-level is undergoing a $1.5 million safety upgrade. We're delighted to report the Governor's office has released $6.6M for the Hartline Science Center addition. Construction should begin very soon.

Tonight will be the first meeting of the steering committee for the community student housing task force. Tuesday morning the executive staff had a very productive member with members of town council, where we discussed housing, the town's need for a retrofitted or new ladder truck, and many other issues.

Monday evening I joined the Chancellor and a number of other presidents at an informal dinner with John Perzel, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Majority Leader Sam Smith. We had a frank and open discussion about the budget, how to keep higher education affordable, technology needs in education and how to end the "brain drain" from Pennsylvania. We are hopeful that the state budget will be finalized by the end of June.