The Bloomsburg University Council of Trustees met in the Multipurpose A conference room of the Kehr Union. Those in attendance:

**Council of Trustees**
Dr. Robert Dampman, Vice Chair  
Mrs. Ramona Alley  
Ms. Marie Conley Lammando, Secretary  
Mr. LaRoy Davis  
Mr. Charles Housenick  
Mr. A. William Kelly  
Mr. David Klingerman  
Dr. Joseph Mowad  
Ms. Nicole Najpauer

**Excused**
Mr. Steven Barth, Chair  
Mr. Robert Gibble

**University Personnel**
Dr. David Soltz, President  
Dr. James Mackin, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Preston Herring, Vice President for University and Student Affairs  
Dr. Richard Rugen, Vice President for Administration and Finance  
Ms. Brenda Cromley, Executive Assistant to the President  
Ms. Jennifer Kluck, Administrative Assistant, President’s Office

**Council of Trustees Advisors**
Ms. Veronica Breisch, President, Bloomsburg Chapter of AFSCME  
Dr. Stephen Kokoska, President, Bloomsburg Chapter of APSCUF  
Ms. Gretchen Osterman, Bloomsburg Chapter of SCUPA – not present  
Mr. David Stover, University Legal Counsel  
Ms. Gia Adornetto, President, CGA
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bill Kelly, past chair of the Council of Trustees. He reported that the Council of Trustees met earlier in the morning for a Committee of the Whole meeting.

The minutes of the Council of Trustees were approved as follows:

A motion was made by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Mowad, and unanimously carried that the September 3, 2008 minutes be approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Introductions**

Mr. Kelly recognized the BU Husky field hockey team. Trustee Alley made a motion to accept the following resolution:

> WHEREAS, the Bloomsburg University field hockey team and head coach Jan Hutchinson won the 2008 NCAA Division II field hockey championship and finished the year with a record of 23-1; And

> WHEREAS, the team won the championship for the third straight year; sixth time in the last seven years and 10th in the last 13; And

> WHEREAS, the NCAA title was the 15th field hockey championship in school history; And

> WHEREAS, the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania advocates excellence in athletics as well as academics, and recognizes the important contributions of coaches, student-athletes, and the staff in the field of athletics to the total university environment.

> NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania hereby congratulates the 2008 Bloomsburg University Field Hockey Team and extends their appreciation for the recognition they have brought to Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be made a part of the official minutes of the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania and that a copy be presented to the 2008 Bloomsburg University field hockey team.

Seconded by Trustee Mowad. Unanimous approval.

Trustee Kelly also introduced those in the audience who were either nominated or granted Emeritus status: Dr. Chris Cherrington, Dr. P. James Moser, Mr. David Rider, Dr. Dana Ulloth, Dr. Duane Braun, Dr. Terry Oxley, and Dr. James Matta. Several individuals spoke on behalf of their respective departments to express reasons for nominating the individuals.

Trustee Kelly recognized those individuals serving on our Advisory panel: Ms. Veronica Breisch, Ms. Gretchen Osterman (not present), Dr. Stephen Kokoska, Ms. Gia Adornetto and Mr. David Stover.

PRESIDENT
Manager Emeritus
On a motion by Trustee Alley, seconded by Trustee Mowad, Manager Emeritus status was unanimously approved for Dr. James Matta.

President’s Report
President Soltz reviewed his President’s Report with the Trustees. A copy of the report will be appended to the minutes. Dr. Soltz acknowledged Bill Kelly’s resignation from the Council of Trustees effective December 31, 2008 and thanked Bill for his years of support of Bloomsburg University. Trustee Mowad seconded his remarks.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
Trustee Kelly called upon Dr. James Mackin to lead discussion on the Academic Affairs section of the agenda.

M.Ed School Based Speech Language Pathology
Trustee Kelly called on Dr. James Mackin to present the information on the M.Ed School Based Speech Language Pathology. On a motion by Trustee Mowad, seconded by Trustee Davis, it was unanimously approved to recommend this new program.

BU Branch Campus
Trustee Kelly called upon Dr. James Mackin to lead discussion of the BU Branch Campus information item. Dr. Mackin made appropriate remarks.

Student Information Management System Update
Trustee Kelly called on Mr. Wayne Mohr to give an update on the Student Information Management System. Mr. Mohr gave appropriate remarks.
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
Trustee Kelly called upon Dr. Richard Rugen to lead discussion of the General Administration section of the agenda.

Board of Governors Policy 1985-04-A
On a motion by Trustee Housenick, seconded by Trustee Najpauer, the following resolution was approved unanimously:

WHEREAS, the Bloomsburg University Foundation exists solely for the benefit of the university, requires an annual external audit of funds and publishes copies thereof, and annually makes significant contributions to the benefit of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania students and its academic programs; and

WHEREAS, a satisfactory written memorandum of understanding exists between The Bloomsburg University Foundation and Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, appropriate fiduciary agreements have been enacted to allow the Bloomsburg University Foundation to retain university gifts and grants; and

WHEREAS, the Bloomsburg University Foundation does not and will not undertake programs or activities that are properly part of the university’s academic mission; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania Council of Trustees certifies that the Bloomsburg University Foundation is in compliance with the Board of Governors Policy 1985-04-A which speaks to university external financial support.

Guaranteed Energy Savings Resolution
Trustee Housenick made the following motion:

WHEREAS, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania has demonstrated a need to reduce its expenditures on energy and natural resources through improvements to existing facilities; and

WHEREAS, the University has provided a viable financial plan for funding the project; and

WHEREAS, the Council will ensure that funding will be available or savings guarantees are appropriate to finance the project adequately.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Council of Trustees, approve the undertaking of a System-financed Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract; and further do hereby authorize the President of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania to sign the standard Loan Covenant Agreement for financing the project.

Seconded by Trustee Dampman. Unanimous approval.

**Columbia Hall Resolution**

Trustee Housenick made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania has demonstrated a need for the renovation of Columbia Hall, a 400 bed residence hall, and

WHEREAS, the University has provided a viable financial plan for funding this project, and

WHEREAS, the Council of Trustees will ensure that fees will be established at such rates as to finance the project adequately.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Council of Trustees, approve the undertaking of a System financed capital facility project for the renovation of Columbia Hall and authorize permission to develop designs for the facility, and further do hereby authorize the President of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania to sign the standard Loan Covenant Agreement for financing the project.

Seconded by Trustee Klingerman. Unanimous approval.

**Approval of Purchasing Activity**

Trustee Davis made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mowad and unanimously carried, to approve purchasing activity under Act 188 in excess of $10,000 for August 20, 2008 to November 10, 2008.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**COT Meeting calendar 2009-2010**

Trustee Kelly called to the attention of the Trustees the 2009-2010 meeting calendar in the exhibit section of the agenda.
Adjournment
With no other items to be presented to the Council, Trustee Kelly adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

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Marie Conley Lammando   Jennifer D. Kluck
Secretary     Administrative Assistant
Here are a few highlights of academic, student-related, community-related and athletic achievements since we met in September.

- I know you are aware that Governor Rendell has asked PASSHE to reserve 4.25 percent of their 2008-09 State appropriation in the likely event that tax revenues end the year below expectations. The Governor’s request means BU must identify $1.6 million for a contingency reserve for likely return to the State. We have identified those funds through salary savings from vacant positions and putting a hold on filling some positions.

The budget reduction dollars reduce our carry-forward budget into 2009-10 that typically fund action plans, plant fund projects and temporary faculty. It is our hope that this is a one-time request, but given the scale of this economic situation we don’t know if we may be asked for more significant cuts from the Governor.

- Dr. Karl Kapp, Professor of Instructional Technology, was named Co-Principal Investigator of a $1.8 million dollar National Science Foundation Grant with Hofstra University serving as the lead research organization. Bloomsburg University will receive $800,000 over a five-year period to develop and research the academic potential of a hybrid instructional model that infuses computer simulations, modeling and educational gaming into middle school technology education programs. Bloomsburg’s Institute for Interactive Technologies will be creating the scripting and storyboards for the development of an interactive online, multi-player game which explores concepts in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) disciplines.

- Dr. David Simpson’s $17,000 NRC grant was renewed for the 2008-2009 year. The grant will provide scholarships for up to three students in the Bloomsburg University Health Physics Program, an area identified as a critical skill area related to the NRC’s regulatory mission.

- A three-member panel was on campus Monday and Tuesday as part of an investigation into an incident that occurred at our November 1st
homecoming dance. Members of the panel are: Jack Dowling, president and principal of JD Security Consultants LLC, Downingtown; Terrell Jones, vice provost for educational equity, Penn State University; and Kahan Sablo, dean of student life, Edinboro University.

These three will review documents, video clips and other materials along with interviewing individuals who were present at the dance. At the conclusion of their investigation, they will provide us with suggestions and methods on how we can more effectively plan and execute events and utilize our resources to ensure future campus gatherings are run smoothly and safely.

- School districts from across Pennsylvania and as far away as Florida and Hawaii hired new teachers from the ranks of Bloomsburg University graduates in 2007. According to the most recent data available in the Post-Graduation Activities Report, prepared by BU’s Career Development Center, 93% of our 69 special/elementary education graduates attained teaching positions in 2007, followed by nearly 85% of the 67 early childhood/elementary education graduates and 75% of the 128 elementary education graduates.

- The dean of the College of Professional Studies at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Dianne Mark, was one of the recipients of Minority Opinion Magazine’s Minority Achievement Award. She was honored with the award at the 34th annual Minority Achiever’s Luncheon sponsored by the magazine and held in Pittsburgh in October. The award is given each year to show recognition and appreciation to minorities who have made exceptional contributions in their profession.

- TRIO Upward Bound is celebrating its 30th anniversary. This program, for first-generation college students, prepares high school students for success in college, graduate school or a career. TRIP Upward Bound is a grant program developed after the passage of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 and is funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

    The program at BU supports nine area high schools and is funded to serve 90 students. These students receive help with college enrollment, retention, improvement in high school, preparation for the SAT test, tutoring, financial literacy and career development.

- BU students, faculty and staff contributed $8,000 to the PA Breast Cancer Coalition following the Breast Cancer Walk/Run held on campus in October. During the past six years, approximately $60,000 has been
contributed by BU to support breast cancer research in Pennsylvania.

- In addition to the outstanding play of our Field Hockey team, our BU football team advanced to the NCAA region 1 final this past weekend and lost a heartbreaker to California University. The Huskies ended the season with a record of 11-2.

- We recognized several retired faculty this morning and since the president officially grants faculty emeriti status, I want to mention in this report those who have been awarded that distinction by me. Congratulations to Dr. Duane Braun, Dr. Chris Cherrington, Dr. P. James Moser, Dr. Terry Oxley, Mr. David Rider and Dr. Dana Ulloth. Again, I want to add my congratulations to Dr. James Matta on his being awarded manager emeritus by the Council of Trustees.

It has indeed been a very good semester thanks to the efforts of many faculty and staff.