COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
February 25, 2009

The Bloomsburg University Council of Trustees met in the Assembly Room of Monty’s at 10:30 a.m. Those in attendance:

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

Excused
Mr. Charles Housenick

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
Mr. Shawn Makar, President, AFSCME
Dr. Stephen Kokoska, President, Bloomsburg Chapter of APSCUF
Ms. Gretchen Osterman, Bloomsburg Chapter of SCUPA
Mr. David Stover, University Legal Counsel
Ms. Gia Adornetto, President, CGA
Pledge of Allegiance
In accord with House Resolution Number 32, Trustee Barth requested everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Call to Order
Trustee Barth, Chair of the Council of Trustees, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance. He reported the Council of Trustees met earlier in the morning for committee meetings.

Minutes of the Council of Trustees
A motion was made by Trustee Conley Lammando, seconded by Trustee Mowad, and unanimously carried that the December 3, 2008 minutes be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Introductions
Trustee Barth introduced Dr. Emeric Schultz who was recently granted Emeritus status by the president. Dr. Michael Pugh, of the Chemistry department, spoke on behalf of the department to express reasons for nominating Dr. Schultz.

Trustee Barth also recognized those individuals serving on our Advisory panel: Mr. Shawn Maker, Ms. Gretchen Osterman, Dr. Stephen Kokoska, Mr. Gia Adornetto, and Mr. David Stover.

Trustee Resolution honoring Mr. Robert Gibble
A motion was made by Trustee Alley to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert J. Gibble has served honorably as a member of the Bloomsburg University Council of Trustees since 1999 and during his tenure on the Council provided leadership as Chairman from 2006 to 2008; and

WHEREAS, his education, experience, insight and sound judgment have proven invaluable to the deliberations and policy-making of the Council; and

WHEREAS, he is a deeply committed alumnus of Bloomsburg University, having earned a bachelor’s degree in education in 1968; and

WHEREAS, the faculty, staff, and administration are grateful for his advocacy on behalf of Bloomsburg University and the vital role he has played through his service on many committees, as he has forged resolutions on complex campus issues and in his leadership roles within the Council of Trustees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University conveys its profound gratitude and esteem to our
colleague and friend for his dedicated service as Chairperson of the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this Resolution be made a part of the official minutes of the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University and that a copy be presented to Mr. Robert J. Gibble.
Second by Trustee Mowad. Unanimous approval.

**Trustee Resolution honoring Mr. A. William Kelly**
A motion was made by Trustee Alley to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Mr. A. William Kelly has served with distinction as a member of the Bloomsburg University Council of Trustees since 1995 and during his tenure on the Council provided leadership as Chairman from 2002 to 2006; and

WHEREAS, his education, experience, insight and sound judgment have proven invaluable to the deliberations and policy-making of the Council; and

WHEREAS, he is a deeply committed and cherished alumnus of Bloomsburg University, having earned a bachelor’s degree in English in 1971; and

WHEREAS, the faculty, staff, and administration are grateful for his advocacy on behalf of Bloomsburg University and the vital role he has played through his service on many committees, as he has forged resolutions on complex campus issues and in his leadership roles within the Council of Trustees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University regretfully accepts his resignation as a Trustee and conveys its profound gratitude and esteem to our colleague and friend for his dedicated service on the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this Resolution be made a part of the official minutes of the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University and that a copy be presented to Mr. A. William Kelly.
Second by Trustee Davis. Unanimous approval.

**Trustee Resolution honoring Ms. Nicole Najpauer**
A motion was made by Trustee Alley to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Nicole A. Najpauer served as a student member of the Bloomsburg University Council of Trustees for the 2008-2009 academic year, and

WHEREAS, she has served responsibly and with integrity on various committees representing Bloomsburg University, and
WHEREAS, more importantly, she has been a positive role model for all other students,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University expresses it gratitude and appreciation for her dedicated service to Bloomsburg University.

Second by Trustee Klingerman. Unanimous approval.

PRESIDENT

President’s Report
President Soltz reviewed his President’s Report with the Trustees. A copy of the report will be appended to the minutes.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Trustee Barth called on Dr. James Mackin, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, to lead discussion on the Academic Affairs section of the agenda.

Middle Level Degree Program Approval
Dr. Mackin made appropriate remarks. On a motion made by Trustee Klingerman, seconded by Trustee Mowad, the middle level degree program was granted with unanimous approval.

Institute for Interactive Technologies
Dr. Mackin introduced Dr. Timothy Phillips who led discussion regarding the Institute for Interactive Technologies program.

UNIVERSITY & STUDENT AFFAIRS

Trustee Barth recognized Dr. Preston Herring, Vice President of Student and University Affairs, to discuss the University and Student Affairs section of the agenda.

Room and Board Fees
Trustee Conley Lammando made a motion that the 3.5% increase in room fees and a 2.5% increase in board fees for the 2009-2010 budget be approved. Seconded by Trustee Davis. Unanimous approval

DEVELOPMENT

Trustee Barth introduced Mr. Jim Hollister who made a presentation to the trustees on behalf of the Development Office.
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Trustee Barth recognized Dr. Richard Rugen, Vice President of Administration and Finance, to lead discussion of the General Administration section of the agenda.

Report on Audit 2007-2008
On a motion by Trustee Mowad, seconded by Trustee Davis, the audit report prepared by Parente Randolph for the 2007-2008 year was unanimously approved.

Approval of Purchasing Activity
Trustee Davis made a motion, seconded by Trustee Conley Lammando and unanimously carried, to approve purchasing activity under Act 188 in excess of $10,000 for November 11, 2008 to January 30, 2009.

Delinquent Student Accounts
Trustee Davis made a motion to write off delinquent student accounts as presented by Dr. Richard Rugen, seconded by Trustee Mowad. Unanimous approval.

Proposed Fee Schedule 2009-2010
Dr. Richard Rugen reviewed the information presented to the Trustees. Trustee Davis made a motion to accept the fee schedule for 2009-2010, seconded by Trustee Alley. Unanimous approval.

Capital Project Request
Mr. Eric Milner, Assistant Vice President for Administration, reviewed the capital project requests and recommended prioritization for funding/authorization for 2009-2010 to 2013-2014.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Priority</th>
<th>Anticipated funding</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Waller Renovation/Addition</td>
<td>not in 5 year program</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. McCormick Renovation</td>
<td>not in 5 year program</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Trustee Davis made a motion to approve the capital project requests as presented, Seconded by Trustee Najpauer. Unanimous approval.
OTHER BUSINESS

Adjournment
With no other items to be presented to the Council, Trustee Barth adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

Marie Conley Lammando
Secretary

Jennifer D. Kluck
Administrative Assistant
Since the Council of Trustees last met, we had a successful graduate and undergraduate commencement in December.

- Last week I held an open forum for students, faculty and staff to review the recommendations from a three-person outside panel convened to investigate the homecoming dance incident that occurred on campus November 1st. The members of the panel reviewed documents, video clips and other materials along with interviewing individuals who were present at the dance.

The panel provided 42 recommendations for healing the campus climate, advancing diversity, event planning and event security. Many of these recommendations will be undertaken in the short-term while some may require a long-term strategy in order to ensure future campus gatherings are run smoothly and safely and to enhance the climate of our multicultural campus. This document provides an excellent blueprint for moving forward.

On March 26th we will be holding a President’s Conversation on Diversity, the second this academic year, which will allow us to continue a further dialogue on the recommendations from the panel.

- The Board of Directors of the Husky Research Corporation, Inc. donated $25,000.00 to establish two separate restricted scholarship funds for Bloomsburg University students. Each one is in the amount of $12,500.00. The interest and earnings on each fund will be annually utilized to fund the Husky Audiology Scholarship and the Husky Instructional Technology Scholarship.

- The National Science Foundation’s Division of Research on Learning in Formal and Informal Settings (DRL) has recently awarded a $1.8M grant to a consortium of partners including Dr Karl Kapp of Bloomsburg University’s
Department of Instructional Technology to study, “Simulation and Modeling in Technology Education”.

- Husky Research Corporation, in partnership with Central Pennsylvania Workforce Development Corporation (CPWDC), received funding in the amount of $103,000, as part of an Industry Partnership Worker Training Grant, in information and communication services. The Institute for Interactive Technologies (IIT) will create an extensive training program entitled, “Information Technology Leadership Essentials,” that will be offered to qualified businesses in a 9-county region of central Pennsylvania.

- The Student Health Center’s laboratory has been reclassified so that the Health Center can perform Mono and Strep screens within the Health Center. This reduces the cost of these screens for students, results in a quicker diagnosis since the screens are done on site, and allows us to administer antibiotics in a timelier manner for a quicker recovery.

- I am pleased to announce that Dr. Steven Kokoska, Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Statistics, has accepted the position of Director of the Honors Program. Dr. Kokoska has taught honors seminars several times and has mentored many honors independent study projects. He also served one semester as interim honors director when recently retired Honors Director, Emeric Schultz, was on sabbatical. Currently, 121 students are in the Honors Program and I’m sure that number will continue to grow under Dr. Kokoska’s leadership.

- Dr. Julie Vandivere, Department of English, has agreed to serve as the faculty coordinator for the eleven Living and Learning Communities. In this role, she will work with directors, departments, residence life and admissions to coordinate programming, course needs and recruitment.

- While I am recognizing individuals for their accomplishments and service, I would like to offer my congratulations to Gia Adornetto for winning a second term to serve as CGA president.

- The search for a Vice President of University Advancement is progressing. We have advertised the position in several key educational publications and/or websites. Our goal is to begin interviewing candidates in mid to late March.
• 9 BU students are serving as Scholars in Service to Pennsylvania by committing to 450 hours of community service. Our SOLVE office helps coordinate this AmericaCorp program and provides training for the students. This program started in 2004. Students help at local organizations during the academic year, such as Camp Victory, the YMCA, the Model UN, the Alliance Against the Homeless and the Women’s Center.

• Yesterday I attended a luncheon where 87 student-athletes were named as Scholar-Athletes at the University. Student-athletes who attain a grade point average of 3.25 or higher during the past two semesters, or have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.25, qualify for this recognition. Each scholar athlete recognized a faculty member who made a positive impact on their education.

• Even though we recognized him earlier, I want to officially announce the most recent individual to achieve Faculty Emeritus status, Dr. Emeric Schultz from the Chemistry Department.

• I would like to briefly comment on the Governor’s budget and to emphasize that Bloomsburg University and the other state system universities are the best value in higher education in the Commonwealth. We have the lowest tuition and provide a high quality education. In a year when the Commonwealth is facing a potential $2.3 billion budget general fund deficit we are pleased that the recommended appropriation for PASSHE is level with the original current year funding and restores the 4.25% reduction in the current fiscal year. The Governor’s budget doubles system capital funding from $65 to $130 million a year which will enable acceleration of renovation of facilities including Sutliff Hall at BU.

The state appropriation covers approximately 36% of the current cost to educate our students. The remaining 64% is dependent on tuition and fees. State funding per student has dropped steadily leading to increased pressure on a student to fund their education. Tuition at the PASSHE universities is the lowest amount of all 4-year colleges and universities in the Commonwealth and is more than 50% lower than at branch campuses of Penn State and Pitt. Over the past five years PASSHE has had the lowest tuition and fee increases of the 46 public university systems in the country.
The proposed level-funding for the State System will result in a budget shortfall due to increased health benefit costs, contractual salary increase and inflation. It would take an 8% tuition increase to cover the shortfall. In the current recession such a tuition increase would be a real burden on our students although we would still be by far the best value in higher education in the Commonwealth.
We will be working closely with the PASSHE Board of Governors and our legislators to keep tuition affordable without compromising the academic quality of our programs.