COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES  
September 2, 2009

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

**Present:**
Mrs. Ramona Alley  
Mr. Steven Barth, Chair  
Dr. Robert Dampman, Vice Chair  
Mr. LaRoy Davis  
Mr. Terrell Garrett  
Mr. Charles Housenick  
Mr. David Klingerman  
Dr. Joseph Mowad  
Ms. Nancy Vasta  
Mr. Patrick Wilson

**Absent:**
Ms. Marie Conley Lammando

**University Personnel**
Dr. David Soltz, President  
Dr. Ira Blake, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Jeffrey Long, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs  
Dr. Richard Rugen, Vice President for Administration and Finance  
Mr. Erik Evans, Vice President for University Advancement  
Ms. Brenda Cromley, Executive Assistant to the President  
Ms. Jennifer Kluck, Administrative Assistant, President’s Office

**Council of Trustees Advisors**
Dr. Stephen Kokoska, President, APSCUF  
Mr. Shawn Makar, President, AFSCME (not present)  
Ms. Gretchen Osterman, Bloomsburg Chapter of SCUPA  
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 introduced the newest trustees recently appointed by Governor Rendell: Ms. Nancy Vasta, Mr. Patrick Wilson, and the student representative, Mr. Terrell Garrett.

Minutes of the Council of Trustees
A motion was made by Trustee Mowad, seconded by Trustee Alley, and unanimously carried that the June 3, 2009 minutes be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Introductions
Trustee Barth introduced those in the audience who were either nominated or granted Emeritus status: Dr. Steven Cohen, Ms. Sharon Swank, and Mr. Duy McBride. Several individuals spoke on behalf of their respective departments to express reasons for nominating the individuals.

Trustee Barth also recognized those individuals serving on the Advisory panel: Mr. Shawn Maker (not present), Ms. Gretchen Osterman, Dr. Stephen Kokoska, Ms. Gia Adornetto, and Mr. David Stover.

PRESIDENT

Contributions to Volunteer Fire Company
Trustee Alley made a motion to approve the Bloomsburg University contribution of $38,000 to the volunteer fire company of the Town of Bloomsburg for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. She also made a motion to approve a $25,000 contribution toward the purchase of a new ladder fire truck. This is the sixth of eight annual payments. Seconded by Trustee Klingerman. Unanimous approval.

Non Instructional Emeritus
On a motion by Trustee Alley, seconded by Trustee Wilson, Non Instructional Emeritus status was unanimously approved for Sharon Swank and Duy McBride.

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. Ira Blake, Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, to lead discussion on the Academic Affairs section of the agenda.
Continuation of the Husky Research Corporation (HRC) as an affiliated organization.
Dr. Blake requested a motion, as required by the Board of Governors, certifying compliance with policy 1985-04-A. Trustee Dampman moved to approve the continuation of the Husky Research Corporation (HRC) as an affiliated organization, seconded by Trustee Davis. Unanimous approval.

Summer College Enrollment Update
Trustee Dampman called upon Dr. Ira Blake to lead discussion of Summer College enrollment update. Dr. Blake made appropriate remarks.

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.

Approval of Purchasing Activity
Trustee Davis made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dampman and unanimously carried, to approve purchasing activity under Act 188 in excess of $10,000 for May 9, 2009 to July 27, 2009.

End of Year Finance Report
Trustee Davis introduced Dr. Rugen to discuss the end-of-year finance report. A hard copy of this report was distributed to the trustees prior to the quarterly meeting.

2009-2010 Budget Update
Dr. Rugen reviewed the budget summary, supporting data, budget assumptions, and cost savings with the trustees.

UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Trustee Barth introduced Mr. Erik Evans, Vice President of University Advancement to lead discussion of this section of the agenda.

Mr. Evans reviewed the End-Of-Year report and Advancement/Foundation priorities and next steps with the trustees.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Fall Enrollment and Housing Update
Trustee Barth recognized Dr. Jeff Long, Interim Vice President of Student Affairs to discuss the information item Fall Enrollment and Housing Update. Dr. Long reviewed the Fall 2009 Enrollment Summary of both freshmen and transfer
students as well as the Housing Summary and Honeysuckle Apartments Occupancy.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**2009-2010 Committee Appointments**
Trustee Barth called to the attention of the trustees the 2009-2010 committee appointments included in their packets.

**Adjournment**
With no other items to be presented to the Council, Trustee Barth adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

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Marie Conley Lammando   Jennifer D. Kluck
Secretary               Administrative Assistant
At the beginning of the meeting, Chairperson Barth introduced some new individuals to our audience. I want to officially welcome those three administrators sitting behind me and give you a bit more background on them.

Ira Blake is Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania’s new interim provost and vice president of academic affairs.

Dr. Blake, up until Monday, when she joined us, served as associate vice chancellor of academic and student affairs for PASSHE. She replaced provost James E. Mackin, BU’s provost since 2005. Dr. Mackin accepted the position of provost at Abu Dhabi University in the United Arab Emirates.

While at PASSHE, Dr. Blake was responsible for reviewing new academic program proposals and conducting periodic review of ongoing academic programs and student units at PASSHE’s 14 universities. Previously, she was assistant vice chancellor of academic and student affairs at PASSHE and an executive intern in the chancellor’s office. At Kutztown University, she served as assistant to the president for public engagement, interim dean of the College of Education and assistant to the president for enrollment management. Ira also held faculty positions in psychology at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, and Teachers College, Columbia University, and Marymount Manhattan College, both in New York.

Dr. Blake earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from George Washington University, master's degree in educational psychology from
San Francisco State University and a doctoral degree in developmental psychology from Columbia University.

• **Erik Evans** is our Vice President for University Advancement. Previously, Erik served as associate vice president for advancement at Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA. In his four years at Juniata, he oversaw all aspects of development and alumni relations, including capital campaigns, major gifts, annual giving, planned giving, prospect research, corporations, foundations, athletic fundraising, alumni relations and parent programming.

Significant accomplishments under his leadership at Juniata include leading and collaborating with the advancement and marketing team to design “Changing Lives to Change the World,” a comprehensive fundraising initiative to increase the college’s endowment to $100 million and the annual fund to $1.3 million. The campaign is currently in the private phase. In addition, Erik developed and managed Juniata’s $4 million Founders Hall Campaign, which outperformed its original goal.

Prior to working at Juniata, Evans served as the executive director for alumni and development at Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, for seven years. He earned a bachelor’s degree in speech communications from Lock Haven and a master’s degree in business education from BU.

**Dr. Jeffrey Long** was appointed to serve as BU's interim vice president for student affairs, filling the vacancy created by Preston Herring's recent death. Jeff has been assistant vice president for student life for the past nine years and now leads the university division devoted to students' lives outside of the classroom.

Student Affairs includes admissions, student activities and residence life, student standards, student health and counseling, career development, drug and alcohol intervention programs. Dr. Long will also oversee
auxiliary enterprises, including Kehr Union, the University Store, the Child Center, the Student Recreation Center and dining services.

He holds a bachelor's degree in anthropology from BU, master's degree in anthropology from the State University of New York in Albany, master's degree in education from the College of St. Rose in Albany and a doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Georgia. In addition, he has held administrative and faculty positions at the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati, College of St. Rose and Georgia.

Also in our audience our two interim deans that I would like to introduce.

As the Interim Dean of the College of Professional Studies/Education, Dr. Elizabeth Mauch, professor of mathematics, will be the leader of educator preparation programs in the college. She will also be the internal and external education spokesperson for the university.

Dr. Mauch earned her undergraduate degree in mathematics from Moravian College and both masters degree and her Ph.D.in mathematics from Lehigh University. She also holds a teaching certificate and has worked closely with the local school districts on issues such as preparation of students for the PSSA and for success in science and mathematics fields. Beth has also published widely in education journals and thoroughly understands the new PDE guidelines as well as the NCATE accreditation standards. Dr. Mauch began her tenure at BU in 1999 as an Assistant Professor of Mathematics.

Dr. Julie Kontos, professor of psychology, was appointed the interim dean of the college of liberal arts. Julie holds degrees her bachelors, masters and PhD. in psychology from the University of Georgia, has been
a faculty member at BU since 1991, and was appointed interim dean in
August 2009.

She has served BU as chair of the University Secretariat and Forum and
currently chairs the Bloomsburg University Curriculum Committee. She
has been extremely active in APSCUF at the local level as vice-president
of the chapter, delegate to the legislative assembly, and as a member of
the executive board. At the state level she has served as the
arrangements officer, chair of the PR committee and as a member of the
meet and discuss team. Julie also has been active in the community as a
member of the Columbia County Board of Directors for the American
Heart Association, serving in both the vice president and president roles.

I also want to mention that Dr. Dennis Gehris will, for the second year,
serve as interim Dean of the College of Business.

- U.S. News and World Report's annual ranking of U.S. colleges and
universities lists BU as number 74 in Best Universities - Master's for the
northern region. Best Universities - Master's ranks institutions that offer a
full range of undergraduate degrees and some master's degree programs
but few, if any, doctoral degrees.

The only PASSHE institution to receive a higher overall rating, at number
54, was Millersville University. A total of 572 universities are included in
Best Universities - Master's.

- We are welcoming 84 new full-time and part-time permanent faculty to the
campus this semester, along with approximately 2570 new students
beginning the fall semester.
• BU's College of Education is now one of fewer than 20 colleges and universities across the state to have a PreK-4 certificate program approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, which recently granted initial program approval. BU’s 4-8 and PreK-8 Special Education programs also received accreditation recently. The PreK-4, 4-8 Mid Level and PreK-8 Special Education Programs will be reviewed for full program approval in two years.

• Two of our faculty has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship and one a Fulbright Scholarship. Dr. Michael Patte, Associate Professor in Educational Studies & Secondary Education, will be headed to the United Kingdom in the spring to conduct research on play work; and Dr. Gary Wassmer, Associate Professor in Biology and Allied Health Sciences will be travelling to Uganda to teach entomology. Both have received the Fulbright Fellowship. Our Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Gregory Zimmerman, Associate Professor in the Chemistry Department, will be conducting research in Canada for a project relating to new generation nuclear reactors.

• For the seventh time, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania has received accreditation from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, reaffirming the quality of the university’s education, leadership and self-study process.

The commission approved BU’s latest 10-year reaccreditation at its June 25 meeting. BU was first accredited in 1950.

Dr. Richard Baker, was chair of BU’s Middle States steering committee, and dozens of faculty and staff contributed to the self-study document. The MSCHE evaluation team visited the university from April 5 to 8 and conducted interviews with students, faculty, staff and administrators. The
accreditation ensures BU remains eligible for federal funding, including federal student aid and research grants.

A monitoring report will be submitted in 2011 to affirm BU has complied with the commissions’ recommendations regarding strategic planning and general education. Middle States uses 14 accreditation standards to examine each institution as a whole, rather than specific programs.

BU last received a comprehensive evaluation in 2004. The next periodic review report, which is done halfway through the 10-year reaccreditation cycle, is due in 2014 with the next self-study evaluation due in 2018-19.

- Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania will soon offer its first-ever Principals Academy, enabling local principals and school administrators a chance to earn continuing education credits closer to home.

The academy, slated to begin this month, is an approved Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) principal induction program and written to meet the Pennsylvania Inspired Leadership (PIL) Core Standards. It targets first-year principals, although veteran principals and school administrators can also participate. State legislation requires newly hired principals to complete an induction course and administrators to get special continuing education credits.

Thomas J. Starmack, assistant professor of educational studies and secondary education at BU, will be the academy’s lead instructor. Tracy L. Krum, a BU graduate and principal of Donald H. Eichhorn Middle School in Lewisburg, will assist Starmack with instruction. Starmack said the closest PDE program previously was in Lycoming County. The academy is a three-year program,
• We recognized a retired faculty this morning and since the president officially grants faculty emeriti status, I want to mention in this report that he has been awarded that distinction by me. Congratulations to Steven Cohen.

My congratulations also to those who were granted non-instructional emeriti status; Duy McBride and Sharon Swank.

• The beginning of a new academic year on a university campus is always full of excitement and anticipation. During the past few days we have had a very successful new student convocation; our dorm move-in days went smoothly and we have already had our first football victory. I am looking forward to the rest of the fall semester.