COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 2010

The Bloomsburg University Council of Trustees met in the Kehr Union Building, Multicultural Center at 10:30 a.m. Those in attendance:

In person:
Dr. Robert Dampman, Vice Chair
Mr. LaRoy Davis
Mrs. Ramona Alley
Mr. Charles Housenick
Mr. David Klingerman
Dr. Joseph Mowad
Ms. Nancy Vasta
Mr. Patrick Wilson

By phone:
Ms. Marie Conley Lammando

University Personnel
Dr. David Soltz, President
Dr. Jeff 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 (not present)
Mr. Shawn Makar, President, AFSCME (not present)
Ms. Gretchen Osterman, Bloomsburg Chapter of SCUPA
Ms. Anikka Brill, President, CGA (not present)

Pledge of Allegiance
In accord with House Resolution Number 32, Trustee Dampman requested everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
Call to Order
Trustee Dampman, Vice 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 an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues as well as conducted the annual inspection of the facilities which included Nelson Field House and Hartline Science Center.

Minutes of the Council of Trustees
A motion was made by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Wilson, and unanimously carried that the February 24, 2010 minutes be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Introductions
Trustee Dampman introduced those in the audience who were either nominated or granted Emeritus status: Dr. Sharon Haymaker (not present), Dr. Gunther Lange, Ms. Deborah Barnes, Mr. Michael Sowash (not present), Ms. Diana Clippinger (not present), and Mr. Harold “Butch” Woomer. Several individuals spoke on behalf of their respective departments to express reasons for nominating the individuals.

Trustee Dampman also recognized those individuals serving on our Advisory panel: Mr. Shawn Maker (not present), Ms. Gretchen Osterman, Dr. Stephen Kokoska (not present), Ms. Anikka Brill (not present), and Mr. David Stover (not present).

PRESIDENT

Manager/Administrator Emeritus
On a motion by Trustee Alley, seconded by Trustee Davis, Manager Emeritus status was unanimously approved for Michael Sowash and Administrator Emeritus for Deborah Barnes.

Non Instructional Emeritus
On a motion by Trustee Alley, seconded by Trustee Klingerman, Non Instructional Emeritus status was unanimously approved for Diana Clippinger and Harold Woomer.

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

Trustee Dampman 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 Mowad and unanimously carried, to approve purchasing activity under Act 188 in excess of $10,000 for January 28, 2010 to May 12, 2010.

Resolution for the Inspection of Facilities
Trustee Housenick made a motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, members of the Council of Trustees at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania did conduct their annual inspection of facilities on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 and found maintenance procedures that ensure buildings and structures are being properly maintained and in good working order and found also that lawn, flower, shrubbery, tree and recreation areas were attractive and well maintained. Trustees conducted a tour of Nelson Field House and the Hartline Science Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania expressed its approval of both the general condition and the care of the facilities, and transmits their sentiments to the Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

Second by Trustee Mowad. Unanimous approval.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nominating Committee/Approval of Officers
Trustee Barth called upon Trustee Alley to present the slate of officers for the Council of Trustees for the 2010-2012 fiscal years. Trustee Alley made a motion to accept the following:

Dr. Robert Dampman – Chair
Mr. Charles Housenick – Vice Chair
Ms. Marie Conley Lammando – Secretary

Second by Trustee Klingerman. Roll Call Vote.
Abstaining: Trustee Dampman, Housenick, and Conley Lammando

Motion approved.
Resolution honoring Steven B. Barth

Trustee Dampman made a motion to approve a resolution honoring Steven B. Barth on his years of dedicated service as Chair of the Council of Trustees from 2008-2010.

WHEREAS, Mr. Steven B. Barth has served honorably as a member of the Bloomsburg University Council of Trustees since 1998 and during his tenure on the Council provided leadership as Chairman from 2008 to 2010; and

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

Second by Trustee Davis. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval.

Adjournment

With no other items to be presented to the Council, and on a motion made by Trustee Klingerman, second by Trustee Davis, and unanimously approved, Trustee Dampman adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Marie Conley Lammando
Secretary

Jennifer D. Williams
Administrative Assistant
Here is a summary of what our divisions have accomplished since we met in February.

**Academic Related:**

- Our two undergraduate commencement ceremonies were held on the Academic Quad on Saturday, May 8. Nearly 1,200 students took part in the ceremonies. The weather eventually cooperated for the graduation ceremonies but we were prepared with a contingency rain plan to hold both morning and afternoon ceremonies in Nelson Field House. I did delay the morning ceremony by ½ hour to allow the rain to stop and our wonderful facilities and grounds crew volunteers to wipe down all 5,500 seats for the graduates and their families.

  U.S. Representative Paul E. Kanjorski was the speaker for morning ceremony and state Senator John R. Gordner spoke during the afternoon commencement.

  Seven doctor of audiology degrees and 173 master’s degrees were conferred during graduate commencement on Friday evening in Haas Center for the Arts, Mitrani Hall.

  This was the second year that we ‘web-streamed’ the ceremonies. Our technology provides comprehensive statistics of viewership including location and times.

  The morning ceremony had 364 viewers and the afternoon ceremony had 199 viewers. In addition to the more local/regional viewers, we learned we had viewers from Russia, Croatia, Denmark, California, North Carolina, New Jersey and Washington, D.C.
I especially want to recognize and thank a key staff member who manages the entire commencement process for us; Anita Hakim. She coordinates most of the details and facilitates the coordination of many individuals and departments to ensure a wonderful experience for our students and their guests at the commencement ceremonies. Anita has announced her retirement so May’s commencement was her last. Anita’s replacement will certainly have big shoes to fill.

- Mention recent GASi conference

**Faculty, Staff and Student Recognition:**

- Two faculty members were recognized at commencement ceremonies with the TALE (Teaching and Learning Enhancement) Outstanding Teaching award.

  Dr. Peter Bohling, professor of economics and Dr. Cynthia Surmacz, professor of biological and allied health sciences were nominated for the award by graduating undergraduate and graduate students. They were selected from among all nominees by a peer faculty committee.

- Next month our new Dean of the College of Business, Dr. Michael Tidwell, will officially begin his duties. Dr. Tidwell most recently was the assistant dean of Clayton State University’s School of Business along with also serving as an associate professor of management at that Georgia institution.

  He previously taught at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Whitworth University in Spokane and Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri. Dr. Tidwell is a native of southern California, earned a bachelor’s degree from Ball State University in Indiana and master’s and doctoral degrees from Washington State University.

- The College of Business has been notified by AACSB, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, that they have maintained accreditation. BU’s College of Business initially was accredited in December 2004 and is one of just 593 schools of business, or less than 5% worldwide, to earn AACSB accreditation. To maintain accreditation, a business program must undergo a rigorous internal review every five years and demonstrate a continued commitment to AACSB’s 21 quality standards.

- Dr. V.H. Manek Kirpalani has been invited to accept the permanent title of Distinguished Visiting Professor by the Center for Management Training in
the School of Management at Warsaw University in Warsaw, Poland. Dr. Kirpalani is also a Ph.D. Advisor for the school.

- Bloomsburg University held its semi-annual “Trash to Treasure” event in early May to support the Columbia County United Way. I’m proud to report that donations this year, for both the January and May events, totaled $16,200.

- Another collaboration that demonstrates our commitment to the regional community began in April on our upper campus. Nearly two dozen young adults in the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps helped develop a wheelchair-accessible high ropes course near Nelson Field House for our Quest program. When completed, this course will be the first of its size in our region and one of only a few nationwide.

- The Office of Greek Affairs was awarded an Ally Award from the Salvation Army, one of only two awards given in the region. The project completed was the campus wide clothing drive for the town of Bloomsburg fire victims.

- In March we received notice that Bloomsburg University has been named to the 2009 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. This is the highest federal recognition of a college of university for its commitment to volunteering, service learning and civic engagement.

  BU’s SOLVE Office (Students Organized to Learn through Volunteerism and Employment) applied for the honor. The Corporation for National and Community Service recognized more than 700 institutions for their impact on issues ranging from poverty and homelessness to environmental justice.

  Honorees are chosen based on a series of factors, including the scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation, incentives for service and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

**Other:**

- Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania recently received $250,000 as part of the Pennsylvania Conservation Works! (PACW) Grant Program. The funds are being used to cover expenses related to a chiller replacement project at BU’s Carver Hall and Scranton Commons and lighting upgrades in Elwell Residence Hall and McCormick Center for Human Services.
This is being funded by the U.S. Department of Energy’s Energy Efficiency Block Grant Program as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The Scranton Commons/Carver Hall portion of the project focused on replacing two individual chillers – a 50-ton, air-cooled unit and a 170-ton, water-cooled unit – with a 220-ton, water-cooled, magnetic compressor chiller. Replacing the existing units with a magnetic compressor chiller is expected to reduce annual energy use for these systems by 51 percent and save more than $12,000 in energy costs.

The lighting upgrade in Elwell and McCormick replaces existing fixtures with systems that will use about half as much energy. The work will be completed in conjunction with future renovation projects at both buildings and is expected to save more than $34,000 in energy costs annually.

• In late April, BU hosted the statewide WEDnet conference. WEDnet represents Workforce and Economic Development Network of Pennsylvania. There are 33 WEDnet partners, consisting of all PASSHE universities, all community colleges and five private partners. The schools are geographically positioned across the Commonwealth and in each region they work with eligible companies to promote the program.

Each partner is allocated WEDnet monies to distribute among qualified companies in their region in order for those companies to provide eligible training for their workforce. BU has provided a significant amount of workforce training for those companies throughout the years. Since 2005/06 our Corporate and Continuing Education, under the direction of Tom Fletcher, has offered a total of 158 programs.

• One month ago I participated in a groundbreaking for Trinity House. The Columbia County Housing Corporation, Bloomsburg University, under the direction of Dr. Jim Krause, chair of our department of exceptionality programs, and a group of dedicated parents worked together to provide a place where adult children with disabilities could live independently. In approximately one year, the first permanent residents and Bloomsburg University students will move in to Trinity House. This unique living arrangement will help Bloomsburg University students gain a deeper understanding of the challenges facing those with disabilities.

• We recognized several retired staff and 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. Sharon Haymaker and Dr. Gunther Lange.
My congratulations also go to those who were granted manager emeriti status; Deborah Barnes and Michael Sowash and non-instructional emeriti status; Diana Clippinger and Harold (Butch) Woomer.

- It is my pleasure to report that 16 faculty are receiving tenure and 21 faculty are earning promotions, effective the fall semester 2010.

- Finally, yesterday the Trustees, at our workshop, heard an update of the university's strategic planning process. I presented information on what steps and actions have been accomplished thus far. The Trustees had the opportunity to see the first draft of The Strategic Plan and offer comments. My goal is to have this document finalized during the summer with a fall roll-out to the BU community.