COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2012

The Bloomsburg University Council of Trustees met in the Assembly Room of Montys at 11:00 a.m. Those in attendance:

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

University Personnel
Dr. David Soltz, President
Dr. Jonathan Lincoln, Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education
Dr. Dione Somerville, 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 Williams, 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. Ashley Wallace, President, CGA
Mr. David Stover, University Counsel (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, 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 real estate issues as well as conducted the annual inspection of the facilities which included Sutliff Hall, Elwell Residence Hall, Danny Hale football field at Redman Stadium, the 26 acre BU Foundation property, and the 64 acre proposed land purchase and attended the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Minutes of the Council of Trustees
A motion was made by Trustee Mowad, seconded by Trustee Davis, and unanimously carried that the February 29, 2012 minutes be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Introductions
Trustee Dampman introduced those in the audience who were either nominated or granted Emeritus status: Ms. Mary Gardner, Dr. Brenda Keiser (not present), Ms. Cindy Harris, and Mr. Tom Patacconi. 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. Ashley Wallace, and Mr. David Stover (not present).

PRESIDENT

Non Instructional Emeritus
On a motion by Trustee Alley, seconded by Trustee Mowad, Non Instructional Emeritus status was unanimously approved for Cindy Harris and Tom Patacconi.

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

Action items:
Dr. Dampman introduced Dr. Richard Rugen, Vice President of Administration and Finance, to lead discussion of the General Administration section of the agenda.

64 Acre Land Purchase from the Bloomsburg University Foundation
On a motion by Trustee LaRoy Davis, seconded by Trustee Ramona Alley, the following resolution was unanimously approved:
WHEREAS: The Bloomsburg University Foundation, Inc. (“Foundation”) purchased 64 acres of land from Catawissa Lumber and Specialty Co., Inc. on June 29, 2005 (the “property”); and

WHEREAS: The Foundation is willing to sell the property to the University; and

WHEREAS: The University desires to purchase the property to satisfy current and future University needs; and

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Council of Trustees hereby recommends that the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education approve the acquisition of the property by the University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Council of Trustees authorizes the University to carry out the purchase of the property, upon the approval of the Board of Governors, consistent with all applicable policies and procedures.

Resolution for the Inspection of Facilities
Trustee Davis 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 Wednesday, June 6, 2012 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 Sutliff Hall, and viewed Elwell Residence Hall, Danny Hale Field, the 26 acre BU Foundation property and the 64 acre proposed land purchase.

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 State System of Higher Education.

Second by Trustee Joseph Mowad. Unanimous approval.
**Approval of Purchasing Activity**
Trustee Davis made a motion, seconded by Trustee Charles Housenick and unanimously carried, to approve purchasing activity under Act 188 in excess of $10,000 for January 16, 2012 to April 30, 2012.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Nominating Committee**
Trustee Dampman called upon Trustee Alley to present the committee’s recommendation for a slate of officers for the 2012-2014 fiscal years. Trustee Alley made a motion to accept the following:

- Dr. Robert Dampman - Chair
- Mr. Charles Housenick – Vice Chair
- Mr. Patrick Wilson – Secretary

Second by Trustee Davis.

Abstaining: Trustees Dampman, Housenick, and Wilson

Motion approved.

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

**Information item: Construction Update**
Dr. Richard Rugen introduced Mr. Eric Ness, Assistant Vice President of Facilities Management to present and update on construction projects on campus. Those included: the new figurehead on the campus quad foundation, Elwell Hall renovation, Sutliff Hall renovation, Lightstreet Road Intersection update, Honeysuckle Housing Pedestrian Bridge, Waller Addition/Renovation, and the Campus Master Plan update and committee members.

**STUDENT AFFAIRS**

**Information item: Career Development presentation**
Dr. Dione Somerville introduced Ms. Jeanne Fitzgerald, interim director of Career Development. Her presentation included information on: Who they serve, what services they provide our students and alumni, campus partnerships, and results of post graduate activities.
Adjournment
With no other items to be presented to the Council, and on a motion made by Trustee David Klingerman, second by Trustee Mowad, and unanimously approved, Trustee Dampman adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

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

- On Friday evening, May 11th, 238 students received degrees during our graduate commencement in Haas Center for the Arts, Mitrani Hall.

  Our two undergraduate commencement ceremonies were held on the Academic Quad on Saturday, May 12. A total of 1,297 seniors took part in the ceremonies. The weather was ideal and the campus looked beautiful.

  David Williams, president and CEO of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America was our speaker at both undergraduate ceremonies. Mr. Williams is a 1981 alumnus with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from BU and an MBA from the University of Houston. He previously served 10 years at Habitat for Humanity International where he rose to executive vice president and chief operating officer.

- As the Trustees know, Dr. Michael Tidwell, Dean of the College of Business, is leaving us to become Dean of the College of Business at Eastern Michigan University. We wish him well in this next phase of his career.

- We have permanently filled two key university positions.

  - Dr. Elizabeth Mauch has accepted the position of dean of the College of Education. She has been serving as interim dean since 2009.

    Dr. Mauch earned her Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from Moravian College and both her Masters and PhD from Lehigh University. She began her tenure at Bloomsburg University in 1999 as assistant professor of mathematics. In 2004, Dr. Mauch was promoted to associate professor of mathematics and in 2009 became a full professor. You may recall that Dean Mauch played a pivotal role in working with the Advancement Division in securing
the funding for the McDowell Institute for Teacher Excellence in Positive Behavior Support.

- Dr. Sheila Dove Jones has been named director of Planning and Assessment, a position she held as interim director since 2009.

Dr. Jones is an alum, earning both her Bachelor of Science and Masters in Special Education from Bloomsburg State College. In 1987, she received her doctoral degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia in Special Education Curriculum Development and Educational Administration. Additionally, in 2006, Dr. Jones earned a Master of Science in Instructional Technology from BU. She began her career with Bloomsburg University in 1990 and has served primarily in the Department of Exceptionality Programs. Dr. Jones has served in many capacities including director of our TALE Center, Assistant Dean and Director of Field Placement for the (then) College of Professional Studies, Special Education Graduate Advisor and Special Education Program Coordinator.

- Dr. Robert Gates will serve as interim associate vice president and dean of Graduate Studies and Research. This vacancy is the result of Dr. Larry Fritz accepting a position as dean of Graduate Studies and Research at the California State University – LA.

Dr. Gates completed his Bachelor of Science in English at the University of Maine – Farmington. He completed his Master’s in Secondary Education and doctorate in Educational Administration at the University of Louisville. He began his tenure at BU in 1993, in 1997 was promoted to associate professor and in 2001 promoted to full professor. He served as Chair of the Educational Studies & Secondary Educational Department, the Graduate Coordinator for the same department and for three years served as Assistant Dean for the (then) College of Professional Studies.

- Many of the Trustees were able to join us at two major events held in April.

The first was the dedication of our new Sutliff Hall on April 27. I was pleased at the number of contributors to the Sutliff campaign who attended along with faculty, staff and students who participated in the dedication.

The next day, Saturday, we celebrated the success of exceeding the $2M goal of the scholarship campaign for Bloomsburg University football. The football field is now officially named in honor of long-time football coach, Danny Hale.
My congratulations to Erik Evans and his Advancement Division on their fundraising efforts for both the Sutliff Hall campaign and the *First and Goal* campaign.

- Dr. Cynthia Venn, associate professor of geography and geosciences, and Dr. Christopher Hallen, professor of chemistry, were awarded a $20,000 grant from the Susquehanna River Heartland Coalition for Environmental Studies to support summer research on the waters of the Susquehanna River watershed. The grant supports the projects of four summer interns who will be in the field sampling and in the lab analyzing samples.

- I want to recognize Dr. Scott Inch, professor of mathematics, computer science and statistics, who was recently named the TechQuest Pennsylvania’s 2012 Technology Educator of the Year. Winners were recognized in 11 categories. More than 100 statewide organizations and individuals submitted over 200 nominations for this year’s awards. Dr. Inch teaches the courses in BU’s bachelor’s degree in computer forensics.

- Our second annual Springfest, held on the upper campus during a Saturday in April, saw 531 students enjoy a variety of events. Activities included the Quest climbing wall and high adventure challenges, intramural athletic events, Zumba fitness, lawn games, flip-flop decorating, music and food. I am pleased that Springfest is becoming a popular alternative to other types of end-of-spring semester parties.

- The university book store is partnering with Campus Book Rentals to increase availability of rental books. It is expected that the new partnership model will average more than 50% of textbooks available for rent at the University Store. In addition, the pricing of the rentals will be considerably lower on titles where used books are available for rent, thereby easing the costs for students.

- Bloomsburg Athletics was awarded the 2011-12 PSAC Dixon Trophy, for the third time in the award’s history. The F. Eugene Dixon Trophy is awarded by PSAC to the member institution whose athletic program earns the best overall finish in conference championships and/or regular-season play. During the course of the academic year, points are awarded based on an institution’s finish in the 23 conference sports. Only a school’s best 12 finishes, six men’s and six women’s, are used in the final calculation of the Dixon Trophy standings.

- Our men’s track and field program produced its first national champion when BU sophomore, Justin Shirk, recorded a first-place finish in the javelin for NCAA Division II. Coach Bernie Empie said Justin’s throw was his personal best and a BU record. Now Justin also has a chance to compete in the Olympic Trials if he chooses. In addition to his track
national championship, Justin is also an outstanding football player and was a starter on the Huskies last season at linebacker.

- One of our yearly community partnerships, Empty Bowls, had record attendance of 525 at the April event, raising $7,000 for the Bloomsburg Food Cupboard. BU student volunteers numbered 135.

- Bloomsburg University was, for the fourth time, named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. This designation recognizes our commitment to bettering the community through community service and service learning. The Empty Bowls event I just mentioned was cited as one of the key projects noted in our award.

  The SOLVE volunteer office coordinates BU students as they contribute to community service. During 2011, our students tallied a total of 81,020 hours of community service including service learning.

- 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 totaled $8,300. The January event raised $8,093.

- It is my pleasure to report that 15 faculty earned promotions effective the fall semester of 2012; 13 from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor and 2 from Associate Professor to full Professor. Additionally, 24 faculty received tenure.

- We recognized 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 Mary Gardner and Dr. Brenda Keiser. My congratulations also go to those who were granted non-instructional emeriti status; Cindy Harris and Tom Pattaconi.