COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
December 3, 2014

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

Present:
Mr. Patrick Wilson, Chair
Judge Mary Jane Bowes, Vice Chair
Mrs. Ramona Alley
Dr. Robert Dampman
Ms. Shannon Phillips
Mr. Charles Schlegel
Mr. Kenneth Stolarick
Secretary John Wetzel

Absent:
Ms. Nancy Vasta, Secretary
Mr. LaRoy Davis
Dr. Joseph Mowad

University Personnel
Dr. David Soltz, President
Dr. Ira Blake, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mr. John Loonan, Vice President for Administration and Finance
Dr. Dione Somerville, Vice President for Student Affairs
Mr. Erik Evans, Vice President for University Advancement (not present)
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 (not present)
Ms. Justine Albright, President, CGA
Mr. David Stover, University Counsel (not present)

Pledge of Allegiance
In accord with House Resolution Number 32, Trustee Wilson requested everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
Call to Order
Trustee Wilson, Chair of the Council of Trustees, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance.

Minutes of the Council of Trustees
A motion was made by Trustee Stolarick, seconded by Trustee Dampman, and unanimously carried that the September 17, 2014 minutes be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Introductions
Trustee Wilson introduced Dr. Shahalam Amin, Dr. Richard Angelo, Professor Carolyn Dalton, Dr. Joan Miller, Dr. Marion Petrillo, Dr. Viola Supon, Dr. Robert Marande, Mr. Danny Hale, Ms. Jan Hutchinson, and Ms. Crystal Andrezze who were nominated and granted Emeritus status by Dr. Soltz.

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

TRUSTEES

Athletic Coach Emeritus
On a motion by Trustee Dampman, seconded by Trustee Stolarick, Athletic Coach emeritus was unanimously approved for Mr. Danny Hale, and Ms. Jan Hutchinson.

Manager/Administrator Emeritus
On a motion by Trustee Dampman, seconded by Trustee Alley, Manager/Administrator emeritus was unanimously approved for Dr. Robert Marande.

Non Instructional Emeritus
On a motion by Trustee Dampman, seconded by Trustee Stolarick, Non Instructional emeritus was unanimously approved for Ms. Crystal Andrezze.

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.
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Report on Audit 2013-14
A motion was made by Trustee Stolarick to approve the audit as presented by our auditors, Clifton Larson Allen, seconded by Trustee Dampman. Unanimous approval.

Approval of Purchasing Activity
Trustee Stolarick made a motion, seconded by Trustee Schlegel and unanimously carried, to approve purchasing activity under Act 188 in excess of $10,000 for August 1, 2014 to October 31, 2014.

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

The Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, upon recommendation of the president, hereby certifies, as per Board of Governors’ Policy 1985-04-A, that the following affiliated entities make a financial contribution to the University or provide similar benefits on a regular basis, satisfactory to this Council of Trustees and to the president.

- Community Government Association of Bloomsburg University, Inc. and Subsidiaries
- Bloomsburg University Foundation, Inc. and Subsidiary
- Husky Research Corporation, Inc.

The Council of Trustees also certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, the affiliated entities are in compliance with Board of Governors’ Policy 1985-04-A, in that they exist solely for the benefit of the University; the expectations of the relationship between the University and the affiliated entity are memorialized in current, executed Memoranda of Understanding; and the affiliated entities require an annual external audit of their funds and provide copies of their audit reports to the University and the Office of the Chancellor.

The Council of Trustees also certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, no University employee serves as a voting member of the Board of these affiliated entities, nor does any employee of the University risk adverse interest through service to or relationship with an affiliated entity.
Pricing Pilot
On a motion by Trustee Stolarick, seconded by Trustee Schlegel, the following resolution was approved unanimously:

WHEREAS, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania intends to charge tuition on a per credit basis to all undergraduate students, and

WHEREAS, during the two-year pilot phase, the tuition rate for undergraduate resident students will lag one year behind the established STATE SYSTEM undergraduate resident per credit rate, and

WHEREAS, during the two-year pilot phase, the tuition rate for undergraduate non-resident students will be 200% of the undergraduate resident per credit rate, and

WHEREAS, the University will assess the pilot program annually and, within the second year, make a determination to continue or terminate the pilot. If the two-year pilot is successful, the annual undergraduate resident per credit rate will continue to align with the established STATE SYSTEM undergraduate resident per credit rate from the prior year (one year lag). The undergraduate non-resident per credit rate will continue at 200% of the undergraduate resident per credit rate, and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure access for students of all socio-economic backgrounds, an appropriate amount of need based financial aid will be made available to students whose new or continued enrollment may be affected by this pricing pilot, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Council of Trustees, approve the per credit tuition pricing pilot proposal for all undergraduate students; and further do hereby authorize the President to submit this proposal to the STATE SYSTEM Board of Governors for consideration at their January 2015 meeting.

UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Watts Center for Investment Research
On a motion by Trustee Bowes, seconded by Trustee Alley, the Watts Center for Investment Research was unanimously approved. Mr. Norman F. Watts is a long-time donor to Bloomsburg University and many projects.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Trustee Wilson called on Dr. Ira Blake, Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs, to lead discussion on the Academic Affairs section of the agenda.
Dr. Blake introduced Dr. Elizabeth Mauch, Dean of the College of Education, to present STEM in Bloom: Regional Partnerships (STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). Bloomsburg University's College of Science and Technology is establishing a regional center for math and science education to address this need through a wide range of programming focused on:

- STEM pipeline development (K-12)
- professional development of teachers in collaboration with regional districts
- cutting-edge research in STEM education
- innovative college programs based on proven pedagogies that produce graduates prepared for success in the STEM fields

Numerous regional and national businesses have sponsored this program, and some have provided scholarships for students to be able to attend. Local school districts, including Central Columbia, Berwick, and Bloomsburg are just some of the schools participating. Dr. Mauch reported next year, there will be up to eleven (11) school districts participating.

OTHER BUSINESS

2015-2016 Council of Trustees Meeting calendar
Trustee Wilson called to the attention of the trustees the 2015-2016 Council of Trustees meeting calendar included in their packets.

Adjournment
With no other items to be presented to the Council, Trustee Wilson adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Nancy Vasta
Secretary

Jennifer D. Williams
Administrative Assistant
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PRESIDENT’S REPORT TO THE
BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES

December 3, 2014

Here are a few University highlights since we met in September.

- Throughout this year, Bloomsburg University celebrated a milestone — our 175th anniversary. We had many events planned for our campus and community, including six faculty lectures on a variety of topics, a special Celebrity Artist Series concert featuring Wynton Marsalis, and a presidential gala dinner. We also celebrated our anniversary with a limited-edition 2014 calendar with some wonderful historical photos from throughout the years and a book written by our university archivist, Robert Dunkleberger, on the university history.

I received many compliments on the manner in which we highlighted the rich legacy of our university. My thanks to all who contributed their time and talents to our 175th anniversary celebration.

- We received very good news last week from the Middle State Commission on Higher Education. At its session on November 20, 2014, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education acted to accept the Periodic Review Report and reaffirm accreditation.

The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2018-2019. My thanks to Dr. Sheila Dove-Jones, Assistant Vice President, Office of Planning and Assessment and Dr. John Riley, Professor in the Math, Computer Science and Statistics Department, for leading the efforts to prepare the Periodic Review Report.

- During Homecoming in October, Bloomsburg University unveiled its University Wall of Distinction, located on the Academic Quadrangle, at an event honoring eighteen benefactors for their generous lifetime giving of $1 million or more to Bloomsburg University. The donors collectively represent more than $25 million in gifts.
• For the first time, Bloomsburg University has earned the Military Friendly School designation from Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life. The Military Friendly list has been published every year since 2003, identifying schools as top tier institutions with leading opportunities for military service members and spouses. As a 2015 Military Friendly School, BU is ranked in the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country working to embrace military service members, veterans and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus. With more than 40 incoming student veterans this fall, BU has seen its veteran population more than double in the past three years. We have more than 200 student veterans in addition to about 100 veterans and service members among faculty and staff.

• The McDowell Institute for Teacher Excellence in Positive Behavior Support hosted its first Cyber-bullying Symposium. Approximately 110 of our College of Education student teachers attended the day-long training. They heard from three leading experts who spoke on topics related to bullying which included prevention, the various forms of bullying and how it relates to the relevant aspects of child development.

The McDowell Institute prepares teachers to face the challenges of addressing the social and emotional needs of today's students in tandem with achieving academic learning outcomes.

• Bloomsburg University's innovative program, MyCore, will be spotlighted in February at the Association of American Colleges & Universities (AAC&U) annual meeting.

Four BU faculty and administrators will introduce participants to MyCore, our General Education Program introduced in 2012. They will explain how the structure of the system, the focus on Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs), and the review process for the program give students the opportunity to earn General Education Points (GEPs) through co-curricular learning experiences (CLEs) in addition to traditional coursework.

• The College of Education hosted a graduate program open house last month where new and novice teachers of students in kindergarten through 12th grade learned about opportunities to further their own education
through a graduate program. BU’s College of Education offers more than 20 majors at the post-baccalaureate level, and all of the education majors are nationally accredited. Continuing professional development is critically important for all teachers. New online courses will allow teachers to earn continuing education graduate credits, begin a master’s degree program or work toward a certification while staying close to their home and family.

- Bond funding for the new residence hall was approved by the State System Board of Governors on October 8. Professional firms interested in developing the design submitted their proposals last month. A committee has been formed to review and evaluate the proposals and an award will be made to the successful firm in January 2015. The building is slated to open by fall 2017.

- Our current dining service contract will expire on May 30, 2015. Request for proposals were sought from qualified contractors. A select campus committee has completed its technical evaluation and the University procurement office is in the process of reviewing the financial submission portions of each proposal, with the intention of awarding a new contract early in the spring semester of 2015.

- To provide on-campus late night weekend activities, the Division of Student Affairs and the Program Board sponsored 14 late night programs this semester. These included free Hot Dog, Walking Taco and Chili Carts on the Kehr Union patio, a free University dance, Game of Thrones 12-hour marathon-watching event in Kehr Union, a late night basketball tourney at the Student Rec Center, Bingo/Late Night Pizza, Rocky Horror Picture Show event and the semi-formal. Events lasted until 1:00 a.m. and were well attended with 50 to 100 for basketball and the marathon, while approximately 300 to 400 participated in food carts and the dance. Bingo/Late Night Pizza is always well attended at maximum capacity of 300 and around 100 viewed the movie.

- Bloomsburg University has worked vigorously to be compliant with new federal regulations related to student sexual misconduct under Title IX. The Trustees approved policy revisions this past summer. In addition to existing services provided by the University Advocates and current educational efforts, the university has implemented additional training sessions for students and employees, created printed and online resources and coordinated record-keeping. The University continues to
provide services to victims of misconduct according to national best practice standards.

- Congratulations to head football coach Paul Darragh as he earned PSAC Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year. The football team earned its second-straight PSAC East title and amassed an undefeated 10-0 regular-season campaign, falling in the PSAC Championship game at Slippery Rock.

After beating Virginia State University 35-14 last Saturday, the Huskies play Concord University (WVA) for the Super Region One championship next Saturday.

- Senior Lauren Lehman paced the Huskies women's cross country team taking first and helping the team win their first-ever ECAC Division II Championship team title. She followed that performance by finishing first in the PSAC Championship leading the team to a second place overall finish.

- Six new members were inducted into the BU Athletic Hall of Fame on October 18. With the 33rd annual induction, membership now boasts a total of 158. This year's Hall of Fame inductees were Roger Sanders [wrestling coach and administrator], Julie Bugg '99 [women's soccer], Erica Miller '01 [softball], Roxann (Emerick) Betz '01 [women's lacrosse], Glen McNamee '97 [football], and Tina (Wikoski) Bartholomew '95 [cross country/track and field].

- Bloomsburg University honored longtime head tennis coach Burt Reese for his years of service by naming the University's Tennis Center after him. Coach Reese started at Bloomsburg in 1969 as a faculty member, head tennis coach and assistant men's basketball coach. This honor was made possible through the generosity of former players, friends and family members who contributed $500,000 to name the Burt Reese Tennis Center in his honor.

- Bloomsburg University hosted the Mid Atlantic LGBTQA conference for the 7th year in a row. One hundred fifty participants from 35 different campuses attended sessions addressing issues related to the LGBTQA community on college campus. This year's keynote speaker was the Reverend Irene Monroe from Boston, Massachusetts, who is currently a Huffington Post blogger and a syndicated columnist. Reverend Monroe
offered strategies to create campus-wide discussions to improve climates as well as the importance of fighting various oppressions and importance of spirituality for many in the LGBTQ community.

- Bloomsburg: The University Magazine won a platinum award in MarCom Awards' 2014 competition. The magazine was among the top 17 percent of about 6,000 entries received. MarCom Awards is a creative competition for any individual or company involved in the concept, writing and design of print, visual, audio and web materials and programs. Entries come from marketing and communication departments, advertising agencies, PR firms, design shops, production companies and freelancers.

- The Chancellor's Office is taking a new approach toward publicizing the “good news” of the entire System through press releases, social media and, now, a video. They contracted with a firm in Sunbury and two of our students – Sean Williams, an English major, and Shaidy Moronta, a pre-med major – were filmed for the System’s first video. The idea is to show State System students who have taken advantage of the many opportunities our universities offer under the brand “14 universities. Infinite opportunities.”

- Kimberly Lazar Bolig joined Bloomsburg University as the first director of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education Center. As director, Bolig is responsible for the implementation, design, organization and coordination of all activities for the STEM Education Center, including program development for regional high school students. In addition, she will work with faculty and businesses on STEM initiatives and promotion.

Currently, we are partnering with eight schools in Columbia and Montour counties with about 40 students. Three additional schools in Lycoming and Northumberland counties will join next and we expect to have a total of close to 60 students participating beginning the next academic year.

- We recognized ten retired faculty, staff and coaches this morning. Since the president officially grants faculty emeriti status, I want to congratulate Dr. Shahalam Amin, Dr. Richard Angelo, Professor Carolyn Dalton, Dr. Joan Miller, Dr. Marion Petrillo and Dr. Viola Supon. My congratulations also go to our new coach emeriti recipients, Mr. Danny Hale and Ms. Jan Hutchinson; manager emeritus, Dr. Robert Marande; and non-instructional emerita, Crystal Andrezze.