COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2014

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

In person:
Dr. Robert Dampman, Chair
Mr. LaRoy Davis
Mrs. Ramona Alley, Vice Chair
Dr. Joseph Mowad
Ms. Shannon Phillips
Mr. Charles Schlegel
Mr. Ken Stolarick
Secretary John Wetzel
Mr. Patrick Wilson

Absent:
Judge Mary Jane Bowes
Ms. Nancy Vasta

University Personnel:
Dr. David Soltz, President
Dr. Ira Blake, Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs
Dr. Dione Somerville, Vice President for Student Affairs
Mr. John Loonan, 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 (not present)
Ms. Justine Albright, President, CGA (not present)
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 a tour of the Upper Campus - Stadium Field and Forestry Building, and the Lower Campus - Student Recreation Center, Andrus Library, Warren Student Services Center, the McCormick Center for Human Services Building, Columbia Residence Hall, the electrical substation, steam plant building, Carver Building, and Scranton Commons.

Minutes of the Council of Trustees
A motion was made by Trustee Alley, seconded by Trustee Davis, and unanimously carried that the March 5, 2014 minutes be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Introductions
Trustee Dampman introduced those in the audience who were either nominated or granted Emeritus status: Dr. William Green, Dr. Howard Schreier, Dr. Pamela Wynn, Ms. Carol Arnold, Ms. Vickey Rainis, and Ms. Heather Soboelsky. 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 (not present), Dr. Stephen Kokoska (not present), Ms. Justine Albright (not present), and Mr. David Stover (not present).

PRESIDENT

Non Instructional Emeritus
On a motion by Trustee Alley, seconded by Trustee Wilson, Non Instructional Emeritus status was unanimously approved for Ms. Carol Arnold, Ms. Vickey Rainis, and Ms. Heather Soboelsky.

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 Mr. John Loonan, Vice President of Administration and Finance, to lead discussion of the General Administration section of the agenda.

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 11, 2014 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 the Upper Campus - Stadium Field and Forestry Building, and the Lower Campus - Student Recreation Center, Andrus Library, Warren Student Services Center, the McCormick Center for Human Services Building, Columbia Residence Hall, the electrical substation, steam plant building, Carver Building, and Scranton Commons.

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 Ken Stolarick. Unanimous approval.

Compliance Certification
Trustee Davis made a motion to approve the following resolution:

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.

Seconded by Trustee Joseph Mowad. Unanimous approval.

Approval of Purchasing Activity
Trustee Davis made a motion, seconded by Trustee Wetzel and unanimously carried, to approve purchasing activity under Act 188 in excess of $10,000 for February 1, 2014 to April 30, 2014.

Waller Building Expansion Project
Trustee Davis moved that the University commit $12 million of existing institutional funds to expand the Commonwealth Capital Program funded Waller renovation project contingent upon PASSHE Board of Governors approval of bond funding the campus steam plant renovation and upgrade project. Expansion of the Waller project aligns with the recently approved Facilities Campus Master Plan by combining key student support and administrative services in a centralized location, providing cost and operational efficiencies, and creating flexibility for the future development of the Warren Student Services site.

Seconded by Trustee Wilson. Unanimous approval.

Capital Project Request
Mr. Eric Ness, Assistant Vice President of Facilities Management, reviewed the 2014-2015 to 2018-2019 Capital Project Request with Trustees. On a motion by Trustee Charles Schlegel, and seconded by Trustee Davis, the following projects were unanimously approved.

1. McCormick Renovation
2. Facilities Maintenance Building Relocation

Anticipated Funding
FY 2018-2019
not in the 5 year program

Bond Funding of Steam Plant
Trustee Ken Stolarick made a motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania has demonstrated a need for the renovation and upgrade of the campus steam plant, and

WHEREAS, the University has provided a viable financial plan for funding this project, and
WHEREAS, the Council of Trustees will ensure that funding will be available to finance the project adequately.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Council of Trustees, approve the undertaking of a System-financed capital facility project for the renovation and upgrade of the campus steam plant; and further do hereby authorize the President of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania to affix our signature to a standard Loan Covenant Agreement for financing the project.

Seconded by Trustee Davis. Unanimously approved.

Magee Center Demolition
Trustee Ken Stolarick made a motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Bloomsburg University Magee Center sustained substantial physical damage from the September 2011 Fishing Creek flood event only 5 years from the previous flood event in 2006, and

WHEREAS, the projected building restoration costs from flood damage are in excess of $700,000, and

WHEREAS, the Magee Center is situated in the Fishing Creek flood plain, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bloomsburg, through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding, removed almost all the adjacent West Main St. 900 block flood plain housing units, and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau for Historic Preservation has completed their required review and accepted the mitigation documentation measures as submitted by FEMA on August 1, 2013, and

WHEREAS, FEMA has accepted the demolition of the Magee Center building for funding as an alternative project

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Council of Trustees, recommend demolishing of the Magee Center building and that the University submit the request for demolition via the PASSHE System to the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education.

Seconded by Trustee Davis. Unanimous approval.

Construction Update
Mr. Eric Ness, Assistant Vice President of Facilities Management, provided a construction update to the Trustees. (see attached for a copy of the presentation).
STUDENT AFFAIRS

Student Code of Conduct

Dr. Dione Somerville reviewed the proposed changes to the Student Code of Conduct with the Trustees. Legal Counsel has reviewed and verified it meets standards. On a motion by Trustee Phillips, seconded by Trustee Alley, the Student Code of Conduct was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nominating Committee

Trustee Dampman called upon Trustee Alley to present the committee’s recommendation for a slate of officers for the 2014-2016 fiscal years. Trustee Alley made a motion to accept the following:

Mr. Patrick Wilson - Chair
Judge Mary Jane Bowes – Vice Chair
Ms. Nancy Vasta – Secretary

Second by Trustee Davis. Abstaining: Trustee Wilson

Motion approved.

Trustee Resolutions

Trustee Alley made a motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert N. Dampman has served honorably as a member of the Bloomsburg University Council of Trustees since 2003 and during his tenure on the Council provided leadership as Chairman from 2010 to 2014; 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 of science in Social Studies degree in education in 1965; 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 Dr. Robert N. Dampman.

Adjournment
With no other items to be presented to the Council, and on a motion made by Trustee Wilson, second by Trustee Mowad, and unanimously approved, Trustee Dampman adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Patrick Wilson
Secretary

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

June 11, 2014

Here is a summary of what our divisions have accomplished since we met in March.

- On Friday evening, May 9, 186 students received degrees during our graduate commencement in Haas Center for the Arts, Mitrani Hall.

For the first time in University history, we held three undergraduate ceremonies on the Academic Quadrangle on Saturday, May 10 for the more than 1,400 graduates and their guests. The increased number of graduates necessitated adjusting to three ceremonies in order to provide student families and guests with enough available seating. Each commencement ceremony featured a Bloomsburg University alumnus as speaker.

- Two Colleges, the College of Business and the College of Education, held their ceremonies at 9:00 a.m. with 503 graduates receiving degrees. Michael Gillespie, a 1995 graduate and member of the BU Foundation Board of Directors, gave the commencement address.

- At noon, the College of Science and Technology held their ceremony for 390 graduates. Duane Greenly, a 1972 alumnus spoke. Mr. Greenly is vice chair of the BU Foundation.

- Our largest commencement ceremony was held at 3:00 p.m. for the College of Liberal Arts where 516 students received degrees. Trustee John Wetzel, a 1998 BU graduate, gave the commencement address.

The last several years we have been live-streaming the ceremonies. The total viewership statistics for May’s ceremonies show that there were 2,100 viewers with 780 “live” views and the remaining viewers chose to watch the ceremonies at a time of their choosing.

We will be reviewing the many components of commencement and determining if we need to make any adjustments to continue using the three commencement ceremony format.
• Bloomsburg University recently signed an articulation agreement with the Reading Area Community College (RACC) to bring BU’s Bachelor of Applied Science in Technical Leadership to RACC students. This agreement mirrors the one we currently have with Lehigh Carbon Community College. Reading Area Community College students, who complete the requirements for an Associate of Applied Science degree at RACC may enter into our Bachelor of Applied Science in Technical Leadership degree program, completing the degree requirements on RACC’s campus or online.

The April 16th ceremony also featured a panel discussion which included Governor Corbett, PASSHE Board of Governors Chair, Guido Pichini, PA Labor and Industry Secretary Julia Hearthway, RACC president, Dr. Anna Weitz and me on the topic of Delivering the Workforce Necessary for the 21st Century.

• The Middle States Commission on Higher Education Periodic Review Report (PRR), our mid-decennial accreditation report, was submitted on May 27, 2014. Dr. Sheila Dove Jones, Assistant Vice President, Planning and Assessment and Dr. John Riley, Professor, Department of Mathematics, Computer Science, and Statistics, served as co-chairs. For the past two years, Dr. Jones and Dr. Riley, working with members of the PRR Committee, comprised of Bloomsburg University faculty and staff, and many other contributors, to write the comprehensive and positive accounting of BU’s characteristics of excellence. After receiving comments from Middle States on August 1st, Bloomsburg University must submit a written response to Middle States by September 1st. The Middle States PRR is available on the BU Middle States Webpage.

• Our Strategic Planning and Resource Council (SPARC) received seven faculty or staff initial proposals for the 2014-15 President’s Strategic Planning Grants. Six individuals or teams have been selected to proceed to the next step of preparing full proposals for their projects. Those projects focus on:

- A Comprehensive Professional Development Program of the College of Liberal Arts
- Development of the BU Center for Leadership and Engagement
- Establishing a real-time water quality monitoring station for Fishing Creek
- Developing a model program to attract quality STEM transfer students from community colleges
- Continuing/expanded support for The Center for Visual and Performing Arts
- Developing a Husky Sports Leadership Academy
• Two Bloomsburg University Odyssey of the Mind teams competed and won at the World’s Finals at Iowa State University in May. One of our BU student teams won a second or silver place award while our other BU team placed fourth.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and World level. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 other countries participate in the program.

• Professors Mehdi Razzaghi and Michael Hickey were granted Fulbright Senior Specialist Fellowships to conduct research oversees. Dr. Razzaghi’s sabbatical will take place during the 2014-15 academic year at the University of Warsaw in Poland while Dr. Hickey will spend several weeks in Smolensk, Russia where he will continue research on local Jewish history, lecture at Smolensk State University and work with the history faculty.

The Fulbright Specialist Program promotes connections between U.S. faculty and professionals and their counterparts at host institutions overseas.

• In the fall of 2013, a new, externally funded College-wide business case competition was launched. The Ziegler Case Competition was held on April 26, 2014, with six student teams from sections of our COB capstone Business Policies course. Alumni, business representatives, and I served as judges. This semester the students analyzed a case on the Google organization. Top finishers received cash awards.

• The Center for Leadership and Engagement opened in the fall of 2013, with a goal of integrating intentional leadership development and practice into the campus culture in support of organizational effectiveness, community engagement and social justice. In its’ first year 522 students enrolled in the Leadership Certification Program Level I with almost half of those students now working on the certification process for Level II. In addition, the Center organized and sponsored 95 educational workshops in the areas of self-assessment, leadership development, Good Work, communication and conflict management, critical thinking, problem solving and public speaking as part of the requirements for the successful completion of Level I.
• Bloomsburg University, along with its sister PASSHE institutions, participated in an 'advocacy day' at the Capitol in April. Students met with legislators to talk about their college experiences and how important the education they are receiving is to them, to their families, and to the future of the Commonwealth. The BU group travelling to Harrisburg consisted of Trustee and alumnus, John Wetzel, our student Trustee, Shannon Phillips, recent graduate Franklin Quithe, Jim Hollister, alumnus and Assistant Vice President for External Relations, and me. PASSHE students are wonderful ambassadors for our universities as they can talk about their educational experiences in a way no one else can.

• Pennsylvania’s Secretary of Labor and Industry, Julia Hearthway, visited Bloomsburg University on April 9 to unveil JobGateway, a website developed by the Department of Labor and Industry. She met with a student focus group to gather feedback before the site was rolled out. JobGateway uses technology to connect job seekers with openings, and is aimed especially at those new to the job market. I have sent an electronic communication to our May graduates informing them of this Commonwealth resource.

• This summer the Scranton Commons will undergo a 1.5 million dollar renovation and refresh to the dining rooms. The renovations will offer students a substantially different dining atmosphere, to include new lighting, wall colors, flooring and seating options.

• On Saturday, March 29 the Community Government Association sponsored the fifth annual Big Event for the Town of Bloomsburg. More than 2,000 student volunteers representing Greek Life, athletics and many student organizations visited more than 160 individual homes, job sites and community locations to assist in various clean up and repair projects. This one-day community service event is a way to say “thank you” to Bloomsburg area businesses and residents.

• Our fourth annual Springfest was held in early April. The two-day event began on Friday night, April 11, with Musicfest, a showcase of student musicians and local bands. The next day, Nelson Field House and the Student Recreation Center were the locations for games, sports and other activities. Springfest is open to students and the local community. Attendance last year was 899 and this year the participants exceeded 1,350.

• “Thank a Donor” week was held in April. This stewardship activity was an opportunity to educate BU students about the importance of philanthropy as well as provide them the opportunity to express their appreciation to our donors through personalized video messages, handwritten notes and
signing a poster that will travel from event to event over the coming year. Hundreds of BU students participated in acknowledging our donors and at the same time learned more about the importance of philanthropy.

- We have a number of items of interest associated with our Athletic Department:

- Five Bloomsburg University coaches were all named PSAC Coach of the Year in their respective sports at the annual PSAC Board of Directors lunch meeting. They are:
  - Bill Cleary (women’s basketball)
  - Mike Collins (baseball)
  - Marty Coyne (women’s tennis)
  - Paul Darragh (football)
  - Stu Marvin (men’s swimming)

- Three Huskies have the opportunity to join former standout and now New Orleans Saints all-pro Jahri Evans in the National Football League. Larry Webster, former basketball and football standout, was drafted in the 4th round by the Detroit Lions. Larry was the second highest NFL draft selection in school history behind only Jahri Evans. The Dallas Cowboys inked Brian Clarke to a free agent contract while the Houston Texans signed Matt Feiler.

- During the PSAC championship, the men’s and women’s swimming teams wrapped up successful weekends with a second place finish for the men and fourth place for the women.

- The BU women’s basketball team climbed to its highest national ranking since 2002 following an NCAA Regional Final berth.

- Track standout and graduate with a bachelor’s and master’s degree, Vicki Davis earned Capital One/CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) Academic All-America District 2 track and field/cross country first team honors, capping a tremendous career in maroon and gold. It is the second straight year Davis has captured Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-District first team accolades.

- Bloomsburg sports information director Tom McGuire has been named the ECAC-SIDA’s (Eastern College Athletic Conference-Sports Information Directors Association) 2014 University Division Irving T. Marsh Award
recipient. The award is presented annually to one who has exhibited excellence in the field of sports information. The award was first presented in 1966 and it is named after Irving Marsh, the ECAC Service Bureau founder and director until his retirement in 1973. McGuire also was recognized yesterday in Orlando, Fla., by CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) on the occasion of his 25th year in the field of sports information.

- Components of BU's emergency notification system – e-mail, voice mail, text messages and campus sirens - were tested on March 25th and worked effectively.

All students and registered faculty and staff, who opted to receive notification in these formats, received a test e-mail message and text messages. The sirens, installed on Elwell Hall, McCormick Center for Human Services and on the upper campus, are designed to alert the campus community when vital emergency information is available via e-mail, voice mail and text message. BU tests the emergency notification system once each semester.

- Bloomsburg University held its semi-annual "Trash to Treasure" event in May to support the Columbia County United Way. I'm pleased to report that donations are $6,400. The January event raised $8,600.

- It is my pleasure to report that 27 faculty earned promotions effective the fall semester of 2014; 17 from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor and 10 from Associate Professor to full Professor. Additionally, 17 faculty received tenure.

- We recognized six retired staff and faculty this morning and since the president officially grants faculty emeriti status, I want to congratulate Dr. William Green, Dr. Howard Schreier and Dr. Pamela Wynn. My congratulations also go to our three newest non-instructional emerita, Carol Arnold, Vickey Rainis and Heather Sobolessky.