

SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

December 14, 2007

The regular meeting of the Council of Trustees of Slippery Rock University was held in Conference Room 304 of Old Main on Friday, December 14, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Ms. Suzanne Vessella, chairperson.

Attendance

Trustees present: Ms. Grace Hawkins, Mr. Scott McCaskey, Dr. Dennis Murray, Mr. Robert Taylor, Dr. John Hicks, Mr. Joshua Young, Ms. Suzanne Vessella.

Trustees absent: Mr. John Thornburgh, Dr. Robert Marcus, Mr. Richard Christofer, and Mr. Nicholas DeRosa.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. McCaskey moved, seconded by Dr. Murray that the minutes of the September 14, 2007 meeting be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Council had the pleasure of hearing from two student government leaders today, Carol Waters, SGA Vice President for Student Life and Mike Combs, Vice President for Financial Affairs provided an update of SGA activities for the fall and upcoming plans for the spring:

Tree Project/Green Bike Initiative: SGA began a tree-planting program last spring by purchasing 15 trees from a local nursery and 100 saplings from the Arbor Day Foundation for the beautification of campus. President Smith matched the funds needed for the project. In addition, the group applied for a grant from Pittsburgh 250 Community Connections to expand two greening programs on campus, which include the purchase of 100 additional trees and the purchase of 10 new bicycles for a Green Bike Initiative that makes loaner bicycles available to anyone on campus. *Update: On Dec. 19, the Student Government Association received a \$5,000 grant from Pittsburgh 250 Community Connections and will move forward with the project.*

Happy Bus: currently there is one campus shuttle; SGA is looking at possibly funding an additional shuttle to assist students with travel on and off campus. With the addition of a shuttle and more refined pick-up/drop-off schedules, we hope to better serve students and alleviate the apparent concern from some about parking on campus.

SGA Pavilion – plans for a constructed pavilion in the quad area are moving forward and we hope to see this addition to campus very soon.

University Union - Carol indicated that SGA plans to prepare a letter in support of the construction of a new University Union. Carol commented that the current student union is inadequate for our needs, and students previously voted in favor of a new union. We hope that through our letter writing, the Board of Governors will understand our position in support of the construction of a new student union.

SGA Senate/Co-op Board Structure: The Executive Board is reviewing current job descriptions and current board structures.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

(Appendix A)

President Smith distributed the Report of the President to the Council and provided comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

University Advancement Committee

Mr. Robert Taylor, Esq., committee chair for University Advancement, provided the following report to Council.

The Division of University Advancement is pleased to report that gifts received since the last Council of Trustees meeting include the following:

- \$100,000 from the Snyder Charitable Foundation for the Advanced Technology and Science Building
- \$50,000 from the DSF Charitable Foundation for the Adapted Physical Activity Program
- \$30,000 from Joette Miller and Michael Steele for a charitable gift annuity
- \$20,000 from Dr. Jerome Bejbl for the football program
- \$20,000 from Bonnie McElhaney for the Coach McElhaney Football Scholarship
- \$20,000 from Barbara and Richard Snyder for the Storm Harbor Equestrian Center
- \$15,000 from the Fund for the Advancement of the State System of Higher Education for State System of Higher Education scholarships
- \$10,000 from Dr. Mary Adair for the Martha Haverstick Scholarship
- \$10,000 from Dr. Kathleen Kellinger for the James Kellinger and George Gault Memorial Nursing Scholarship
- \$10,000 from Drs. Paul and Carolyn Rizza for the Storm Harbor Equestrian Center
- \$7,500 from Dr. Herbert Hunt for the Kay M. Hunt Scholarship
- \$7,500 from Mine Safety Appliance Company for the Storm Harbor Equestrian Center

- \$7,500 from William and Susan Schmitt for the William and Susan Schmitt Scholarship
- \$6,000 from President Robert and Ramona Smith for the Ramona and Robert Smith Scholarship
- \$5,081 from Dr. Barbara Blackstone for the Robert Leffingwell Scholarship
- 5,000 from Buco Transportation, Inc. for the Rock Athletic Fund
- \$5,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Duane Yothers for the Women's Basketball Locker Room

As of September 30, 2007, The Campaign for Slippery Rock University gifts and pledges totaled \$27.6 million, representing 83.57% of the \$33 million Campaign goal. Gifts received for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 as of September 30, 2007 totaled \$485,693. The System Accountability Performance indicators for University Advancement are total charitable giving less the top three gifts and the value of the endowment. As of September 30, 2007, the annual charitable giving total less the top three gifts was \$324,790; and the value of the endowment as of September 30, 2007 was \$21.7 million. The endowment represents the combined totals of the Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc. and Slippery Rock University Alumni Association endowments.

Assets of the Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc. (including traditional operations and the Residential Suites) totaled \$172.9 million as of September 30, 2007. Assets for traditional operations totaled \$26.4 million and the asset value of the Residential Suites (Phase I and II) totaled \$146.5 million.

Final credentials have been submitted for Phase I of the Residential Suites Project of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. When certified, the Residential Suites Project will be the largest (Green Building Project" in Butler County, and second only in western Pennsylvania to the Pittsburgh Convention Center. Phase II of the Residential Suites Project (two buildings housing 746 students) is two months ahead of schedule, and will be available for occupancy in August, 2008.

The Advancement Division organized several successful, well attended fall events for alumni and donors. The Annual Homecoming Fall Classic Golf Scramble, held on October 12, had 70 participants and raised approximately \$8,000 for scholarships. The Homecoming alumni tent's 160 seats were continuously filled on October 13. Also on October 13, the Storm Harbor Equestrian Center's Sunset Serenade raised over \$41,000 for the Equestrian Center with more than 200 guests in attendance. On October 27, close to 100 athletic donors of \$1,000 or above, athletic named scholarship donors, coaches, and student athletes attended a brunch that recognized the donors for their contributions to the athletic program. The annual Celebration of Giving on November 17 honored over 120 donors of the Rock Society, Legacy Society, and Lifetime Giving Clubs. The event included a campus tour hosted by President Smith, a reception, dinner, and entertainment provided by the students from the Music, Dance, and Theatre Departments.

Student Life Committee

Dr. Constance Foley, vice president for Student Life, provided the report of the Student Life committee in the absence of Mr. John Thornburgh, chair.

The Division of Student Life was actively involved in implementing ongoing programs and services for the fall semester to support the transition of new students to SRU, provide a safe and healthy environment, and to continue the leadership development of all students. The highlights of these activities include:

- Student Life staff members attended the Professional Development Day activities focusing on student learning outcomes through the “Learning Reconsidered” model that has been adapted by Student Life.
- The Counseling Center has been conducting their Council for the Advancement of Standards self-study in preparation for their five-year review.
- A number of very successful programs were presented through the efforts of Student Life Departments. These included the Student Organizations Fair, Family Weekend, SRU Spirit Days, Homecoming, Healthfest, the Harambee Summit, and Unity Week.
- Progress continued on the first phase of the Boozel renovation project – the design phase.
- Rock Athletics had a very successful fall athletic season. Women’s Soccer won the PSAC West, finished second in the PSAC Championship and made it to the second round of the NCAA Playoffs. Men’s Cross Country finished second in the PSAC and NCAA Northeast Regional, and finished 9th in the NCAA Championship. Women’s Volleyball qualified for the NCAA East Regional. Football finished 9-2 and rated 7th in the NCAA Northeast Region, just missing selection into the NCAA playoffs. The Rock also had several all-PSAC, all-Region, and All-American team selections in cross-country, football, soccer and volleyball.
- The Office of Intercultural Programs, in conjunction with the Western Pennsylvania Diversity Consortium, hosted the 4th annual Harambee Summit Diversity Conference, November 1-3. There were over 130 attendees from nine different colleges and universities.
- Student Health Services focused on three areas of public health – tuberculosis, community-acquired methicillin resistant staph aureus (CA-MRSA) and influenza.
- The Center for Student Leadership kicked off the Compass Leadership Program, which encourages all students to fully explore and develop their skills, abilities, and practices of leadership in order to enhance their educational experience. Like a compass, the program booklet is a navigational tool for students to use as they build their leadership skills through co-curricular experiences.
- The entire division, lead by the efforts of the Emergency Management team, focused significant efforts on issues of safety and security and student mental health issues related to the aftermath of Virginia Tech. One of the outcomes

of these efforts is the creation of a process for all faculty, staff, and students to identify “students of concern” and a Behavioral Intervention Team designed to assess these students and provide appropriate services.

Finance & Audit Committee

Mr. Joshua Young, chairperson for the Finance and Audit Committee shared the following report based on information provided by Dr. Charles Curry, Vice President for Finance and Administrative Affairs.

Items reviewed for Council action included: Contracts, Fixed Assets, Service and Supply Purchase Orders, and Contributions to Volunteer Fire Departments. Information items include: the Quarterly Budget Update, 2005-2006 Financial Report, Facilities and Planning Active Project List, Auxiliary Services, and the Master Plan Update.

Facilities projects include: The Renovation of Vincent Science Building design was approved by L&I. The building systems will be replaced or upgraded. The renovated facility will house the Departments of Biology, Psychology, Physics, Mathematics and Nursing. McKay renovation for water infiltration has begun completion within 120 days weather permitting. The design of a major steam line replacement in upper campus is out to bid and will be completed in the summer of 2008. Steam line replacement in lower campus is under construction with a mid-January completion date. The Alumni House is under construction and slated for completion in January.

Academic Affairs Committee

Dr. William F. Williams, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs provided the following report on behalf of Dr. Robert Marcus, Chairperson for the Academic Affairs Committee.

Slippery Rock University met or exceeded the PASSHE June 30, 2009 performance goals for faculty diversity, faculty productivity and faculty with terminal degrees. Within PASSHE Slippery Rock University finished fourth in total amount of performance monies received and in dollars per student.

Slippery Rock received performance funding in the following categories:

- Degrees Awarded (Bachelors and Masters) \$404,226
- Second Year Persistence \$252,351
- Four-and Six-Year Graduation Rates \$342,106
- Faculty Productivity \$1,130,657
- Employee Diversity \$968,866
- Personnel Ratio \$304,170
- Instructional Costs \$372,224
- Terminal Degrees \$3,966,281

The number of new students joining Slippery Rock for both Spring 2008 and Fall 2008 is strong.

Applications for Spring 2008 compared to Spring 2007 for first year students are up by over 30%. New students registered for Spring 2008 have more than doubled compared to last year. New transfer students to Slippery Rock University for spring semester are up slightly from last year. New graduate students have registered for spring semester, 2008 are doubled last year's number.

Applications for first year students for Fall 2008 are at 3051 compared to 2211 at this time last year. Transfer applications are slightly up and graduate applications are 490 compared to 304 last year.

These numbers assure that we will be able to manage controlled enrollment growth while maintaining the quality of students at Slippery Rock University.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Resolution – Naming of Women's Locker Room Facility (TAB 2)

Mr. Young moved, seconded by Ms. Hawkins the Resolution to name the Women's Locker Room Facility. Approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. *(The Resolution states, "that until a donor and/or other naming opportunity is identified, the Slippery Rock University Council of Trustee hereby names the new building "The Women's Field Hockey/Lacrosse Center.")* (Appendix B)

Contracts (TAB 3)

Mr. Hicks moved, seconded by Mr. Young that the Contracts be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix C)

Fixed Assets (TAB 4)

Mr. Young moved, seconded by Mr. Hicks that the Fixed Assets be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix D)

Service and Supply Purchase Orders (TAB 5)

Ms. Hawkins moved, seconded by Mr. Young that the Service and Supply Purchase Orders be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix E)

University Union Fee Increase (TAB 6)

Dr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Hicks that the University Union Fee Increase be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix F)

Fire Department Contributions (TAB 7)

Dr. Hicks moved, seconded by Mr. McCaskey that the Fire Department Contributions be approved as submitted. Mr. Robert Taylor amended the motion to reflect *Council approved an increase of contribution to the Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Department from \$15,000 to \$20,000; an increase of contribution to be split between the Sandy Lake Volunteer and Stoneboro Volunteer Fire Departments from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for their availability to the McKeever Environmental Learning Center.* Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix G)

Proposed Dates for Council of Trustees Meetings 2008 (TAB 8)

No action – dates will be forthcoming.
Update: Council has approved the following dates for COT Meetings in 2008:
 Friday, April 4, 2008
 Friday, June 6, 2008
 Friday, August 29, 2008
 Friday, November 21, 2008

INFORMATION ITEMS

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date of the Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees is scheduled for Friday, April 4, 2008

Substitute Appointment

Visiting International Exchange Faculty Appointments

Instructional Appointments Effective the First Semester, 2007-2008

Instructional Appointments Effective the Second Semester, 2007-2008

Operational Leadership/Professional Appointments

Grant-Funded Program Coordinator Appointments

Non-Faculty Athletic Coach Appointments

Support Staff Appointments

Retirements

Resignations

Dismissal of Support Staff

Sabbatical Leave Change

Administrator Emeritus Status

Financial Reports

Facilities and Planning Active Project List

Quarterly Internal Audit Report

Quarterly Division Reports

Master Plan Update

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Scott McCaskey – Welcome back, everyone.

Dennis Murray – Welcome Barbara Ender, and congratulations to Dr. Curry on the budget. Thank you to Dr. Smith and his team, things are going great here and I'm proud to be an alumnus. A special thanks to Dr. Smith for his leadership.

John Hicks – Happy to be here. It's great to be back as a Trustee after spending much of my adult life on this campus as an educator. Coming out of the morning meeting, I feel very good about the way things are going and look forward to helping the university move forward into the future.

Josh Young – Thank you, Barbara, for lunch the other day. Thank you, President Smith for your leadership. We should all rest easy that things are moving along very well here.

Grace Hawkins – I'd also like to have lunch with Barbara Ender. I am very happy to be here today. I really enjoyed looking through the marketing materials and looking at all of the impressive ads – this is an awesome reference piece to show how much Slippery Rock's name is out there. It's great to hear that enrollment is up and things are going so well.

Robert Taylor – Welcome Barbara – thanks for lunch! I'd also like to welcome Scott Albert to his new position in Facilities. A week ago the Council held a conference call at which time we fulfilled our annual obligation to submit an evaluation (informal this year) of President Smith to Chancellor Hample. I hope that the letter appropriately reflected

the confidence that this Council has in our President and the appreciation for the type of work that he is doing. It was a very easy thing to do, and it was a very, very positive and strong letter. President Smith does a first-rate job and we do appreciate all of his hard work and infinite dedication to Slippery Rock University.

President Smith – I'd like to piggy back on Bob Taylor's comments. I've written a letter to each of the Council members expressing my gratitude for their evaluation of my performance this past year, and I especially appreciate the thoroughness of the document. With the leadership changing soon in Harrisburg, it's good to have a document that reflects the viewpoint of the Council. I'm excited to be here with this group of people and others that are not here that make Slippery Rock University such an incredible place to be. It's really a team effort and is in fact a whole culture change and you are a part of it. Thank you, Council.

I'd also like to make one last statement. The PACT meeting is coming up at California University of PA on Oct. 18 & 19. California has promised to put on a pretty good show, and I encourage you to attend, if you can. What has happened at California is nothing short of amazing. They were the first with their housing project, and they've done some impressive things on their campus that is well worth seeing. I believe that if you can make it, you will find it very interesting. .

With no further business, the Friday, December 14, 2007 Council of Trustees meeting at Slippery Rock University adjourned at 2:20 p.m. Dr. Murray moved; Dr. Marcus seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.