

**SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY
COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES MINUTES**

September 26, 2014

The regular meeting of the Council of Trustees of Slippery Rock University was held Friday, September 26, 2014, in room 321 of the Robert M. Smith Student Center. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Mr. Thomas Breth, chairperson.

Recording of Attendance

Trustees present: Mr. Tom Breth, Mr. Matt Lautman, Mr. Jeff Smith, Ms. Laura Ordaz, Commissioner William McCarrier, Dr. Dennis Murray, Senator Mary Jo White, Dr. Robert Marcus, Mr. Robert Taylor

Trustees absent: Mr. Matt Shaner, Ms. Suzanne Vessella

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Dr. Marcus moved, seconded by Commissioner McCarrier, approval of the business Meeting agenda, Friday, September 26, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. (TAB 17) (Appendix A)

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Robert Marcus moved, seconded by Mr. Lautman, approval of the Friday, June 6, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. (TAB 17)

Public Comments

Chairman Breth welcomed public comments from the audience. Chairman Breth announced individuals to come forward in order as they appeared on the sign-up sheet with a time limit of 3 minutes per speaker.

Carolyn Steglich, president, SRU APSCUF

Dr. Steglich read the following letter dated August 6, 2014, addressed to Chancellor Frank Brogan from Kenneth M. Mash, Ph.D., APSCUF President.

Dear Chancellor Brogan:

Thank you for your letter of July 29, 2014. I am pleased that you are committed to sharing the many success stories that occur on a regular basis on our fourteen campuses. These stories need to be regularly transmitted to our elected officials so that they are properly aware of the great work done by our faculty, our coaches, and most importantly, our students. They need to be reminded that investment in public higher education pays vast dividends to individual students, local communities, and the Commonwealth as a whole. The cut to public higher education has begun to hurt the quality of education our universities provide, and it has made a university education become unaffordable to too many working families. Then only reasonable solution is for there to be restoration of funding to our universities.

One of the success stories that should be told is that contrary to popular perception, universities do change. In fact, one could argue that the history of higher education is the history of change in fields of study; even the degree "doctor of philosophy," which is most commonly awarded as a terminal degree in most fields, represents the branching out of disciplines from the core degree of philosophy.

At our universities, faculty members have been the drivers of change. Without stimulus from administrators or from a central office, faculty members have been the proposers of new programs, they have watched the job market, they have engaged new technologies, and they have been leaders in innovation. University communities have always collectively monitored their course offerings and their degree programs. This is not a new phenomenon.

What is new is the concept that change should be initiated by one, two, or a few administrators without disciplinary experience. What is new is the idea that core disciplines must die in order to give way to unnamed new programs, and that decisions about relevance, quality, and vitality should be top-down unilateral administrative decisions. What is new is the notion that politicians are in the best position to determine what ought to be taught to university students in the years to come. What is new is the notion that unformed outsiders should dictate to those who have devoted their lives to their students, disciplines, and departments what is most appropriate in their fields.

Study after study reveals that CEO's want college graduates who possess the skills best emphasized by courses traditionally taught in the liberal arts and sciences. Even when students are in one of our great professional programs, the advice is to take many courses in one of these majors. It turns out that the leaders of the business community collectively appreciate that the ability to think critically, to know about the world, to be articulate, to be appropriately skeptical are core qualities essential to having a successful career. This story ought to be one repeated by university and system administrators. This should be shared with our students, who entering into the university often know little about these expectations or are not familiar with how the job market for quality employment operates.

Furthermore, it is repeatedly disappointing to have academic leaders at universities and at the system completely ignore the role that universities play in helping students become excellent citizens, reasoned thinkers, better parents, and more thoughtful and tolerant human beings. Public higher education is a public good, and society is far better for having a highly educated populace. That employers offering quality jobs seek out states that do an excellent job educating students is a major bonus.

Your letter states that this realignment and resources is not solely due to finances. However, as academics, my colleagues and I are trained to look at evidence. The relevant evidence in this case is that notices of possible retrenchment went out to five schools, all of which last year claimed that their need to retrench was about finances. Further, if we are talking about vibrancy, it is worth noting that everyone agrees that students should be prepared for a global society. How is then that retrenchment and program curtailment occurred last year in foreign languages? Everyone understands the importance of STEM fields, but cuts were made to faculty in STEM fields? Gifted students often show a propensity for music, and our universities are concerned about enrollments, but we eliminated music programs? These are only a few of the questions my colleagues and I have about the consistency of the statements last year and the actions these universities undertook.

My colleagues fully understand the limited resources available to our universities since the dramatic cuts and following flat funding. However, there must be alternatives to cutting at the heart of the university. The exponential damage of negative publicity, the difficulty of recruiting students and quality faculty, and the overall hurt to the system will likely take years to heal should the universities head down this road once again. Compounding these problems with additional cuts to the core functions of the universities

cannot be the reasonable answer. My colleagues and I certainly hope we will work together to avoid any further damage. It certainly makes little sense to create self-inflicted wounds.

As I stated at the start, the only true answer is to restore proper funding to our universities. My colleagues and I are hopeful that you, the Board of Governors, and our Council of Trustees will work to make the case that an increase in appropriations will be money well spent. We all owe it to our students to be able to provide the highest quality education at the lowest possible cost.

Miss Katie Hill, president, Student Government Association, Inc.

Thank you Chairperson Breth. Good afternoon,

I would like to thank you all again for the opportunity to give you an update on the Student Government Association.

I would like to summarize some of the goals that the senators and executive board have come up with within the first few weeks of school. Each senator established 3 personal goals that they wanted to work on. I have compiled the results and have come up with 6 overarching goals. The first one is diversity and ADA compliance. We want to continue to make our campus appreciative of diversity. We are currently working on partnerships with groups on campus to bring awareness. A second goal is an increase in student involvement and awareness. This involves working with clubs and organizations and the whole student population to inform them of the opportunities that they have available to them. Our third goal is collaboration. This is evident in the workout facility that we are looking at renovating. We are working with ROTC, the physical education department, the exercise science department and facilities. Our fourth objective is to look at the library and how it operates and making sure that the hours are conducive to the student's needs. We have a few senators who are looking into Greek housing and how we can make that happen on campus. The last one is sustainability and we are constantly looking into ways that we can support green initiatives.

As far as our board of directors goes we are searching for student participants. The applications are out. We are looking to hold our first meeting later this fall.

Lastly, as some of the senators, administration and council members are aware, there was a difficult conversation that took place yesterday during the finance committee regarding the renovation of Miller Auditorium. SGA wanted to make sure that both departments, administration, students and the council of trustees knew that SGA was not taking a side on the issue. Our concern was the students. We want to make sure that the student voice was heard in this decision and future decisions.

We understand that the location of departments isn't our responsibility. I was able to sit down and talk last night with a few members of the administration regarding the renovation plans. I really appreciated the time they took to share the information with me so that I can be informed about decisions on the university level and help educate all students. I only wish that conversation would have happened before so we could have been more proactive in understanding and the delivery of the message and saved this issue from coming up.

SGA hopes that this level of shared information can be continued so that as I hear students concerns I am able to educate them and alleviate their worries.

Luckily I currently meet with Dr. Norton and Dr. Way monthly to give them an update on SGA and all student concerns. My goal moving forward is to continue those conversations to increase the lines of communication. SGA represents the whole student body and as president it is my job to be the voice of

their concerns. My goal, as president, throughout the rest of my tenure is to work on behalf of students and be open to their thoughts and issues. Please understand we will continue to advocate for students if student voices appear to be missing from a conversation. We are 125 years strong due to the positive relationships between SGA and the administration.

Thank you again for allowing me time to speak. I look forward to updating you all again in December.

Chalice Streitman, East/West Gym, Miller Auditorium Renovations

Hello. My name is Chalice Streitman and I am an SRU student pursuing majors in exercise science and dance.

The Department of Dance at Slippery Rock University has never had a performance space of its own. We have had to work around our colleagues in theatre and music in order to utilize their space to perform. For the past two years, we have been going off campus for concerts, and this is an inconvenience for our students, faculty and families. In order to maintain student attendance for performances which we work so hard to prepare, we must bus students to Butler County Community College (BC3). Even with this accommodation, there are many students who do not attend because of the extra time commitment. Slippery Rock University's vision is to excel as a caring community. Our university community strives to work together, student to student, faculty to faculty, and department to department. Many dance majors minor in adaptive physical activity and complete the grad program. The Dept. of Dance and the APA program is in the midst of collaborating to bring the dance company "Dancing Wheels" to campus. The performance features members of different abilities.

I come from a long line of family members that attended SRU, including my aunts, uncles, both of my parents and one of my older siblings. My sibling was also a dance major. I had learned from her the excitement, anticipation, and expectation of dance having a new space. I was aware of the excellence of the Dance Department, and was exposed early on to the idea of a new facility at Slippery Rock University. My sister shared her excitement about the proposed plans for a new performing arts building. On the day of my audition, there was an announcement that there were plans for a new facility to be built. However, this has not yet happened. President Norton's proposal is effective, efficient, and maintains the beautiful history that my family members and I have enjoyed at Slippery Rock University. I truly believe this is an excellence plan and I hope that future generations can enjoy these renovated facilities.

Samm Wesler, East/West Gym, Miller Auditorium Renovations

Hello, my name is Samm Wesler, I am a senior dance major, president of the dance honorary Sigma Rho Delta, student office worker for the department of dance, and a student director for Slippery Rock University dance theatre.

I transferred here three years ago as a sophomore from the Ohio State University. Part of the reason I transferred here is the prestige of the dance department. We were recently ranked 15th in the nation and 2nd in the state of Pennsylvania. That is 15th in the nation out of over 300 programs. That's incredibly impressive.

When I arrived here I was shocked to find that the department is spread out over three buildings for dance classes, and even more for our academic classes. For a department that treasures the idea of community, this makes it incredibly difficult to foster that sense. We don't all get to see each other. This spread of the department also poses some health and safety issues. I'm sure we are all aware of Slippery Rock winters and how harsh they are. We are in our dance classes working up a serious sweat for an hour and a half and then have to walk outside to the next studio. This can cause muscle issues. Our rehearsals for

dance theatre can go late into the night, where we then have to walk all over campus in the dark. We would like to secure the future of the dance major and the potential BFA program. Renovating the East/West Gyms and a small renovation to Miller Auditorium will allow the dance department to consolidate and be able to foster the sense of community it has long desired. It will also allow us to collaborate with the Theatre Department with greater ease.

I am asking you today to give the department that took me in with open hearts and arms, a place to call a home of their own. Thank you.

Nora Ambrosio, Department of Dance, Miller Auditorium Renovation

Good afternoon. My name is Nora Ambrosio and I am a professor in the Department of Dance.

Our students are so fabulous; they are so amazing, aren't they? To think they have stuck with us through moving around being in spaces that are so sub-par, it is amazing they have stayed with us. They eloquently speak to issues that they experience on a day to day basis, but as faculty we also think of accreditation issues and health and safety issues that are being compromised right now. We are in spaces not meant for theatre and dance.

Do we want a new shiny building? Of course, we would love a shiny new building. However, when Dr. Norton approached us with this proposal, we immediately were on board with it. I personally think the east/west gym is the most beautiful building on campus. This buildings gives us street-side presence, and those for us in the performing arts, it is a BIG deal. People coming from the south see this building first, let's just wait for the marquis to go up! We are also very excited to be in a complex where we are right next to our theatre colleagues.

This proposal provides the potential to do a smaller scale renovation of Miller which will accommodate many departments on campus. People are not understanding the potential for these buildings. We would welcome any departments or students to come on campus and speak with us about this project. We have been going through this for several years, so I don't know why students are bringing questions up now about this, nobody has ever contacted the departments of dance and theatre about these plans. We would be happy to discuss this with anybody who has questions.

I want to reiterate what the students have said. Going to the community colleges is just not a good thing. We love the community college and we love that theatre, but we are ranked 15th in the nation and we are doing our performances at a community college.

Please, to think we need to spend one more day in this situation is enough. That we might not get a vote in the affirmative and then have to go back to the drawing board and the potential for spending years in this situation and delaying this project after waiting so long, I just do not think we can sustain. Please, I implore you to vote in the affirmative of Dr. Norton's plan. Thank you.

Samantha Kuchta, Department of Theatre, Miller Auditorium Renovation

Thank you for allowing me to be here to today. Council of Trustees, my friends and I are here on behalf of the theatre department to whole heartedly support the renovation plans for Miller Auditorium, West and East Gyms. I am a theatre design tech major as well as a communication major. I serve on the newly formed theatre advisory board and I am the public relations representative for the department.

Our department has students with so much talent and potential. Here at SRU, I have gained hands on experience in my field. However, I have worked professionally for a company in Pittsburgh and was very

unsure as to whether I had the level of skill I needed for the position because I only worked on the theatre stage one year out of four. I was limited in my learning because of the technical elements that we lack and also space.

I was pleased to have won the Kennedy Center Award for design, a huge honor for our department and for me, personally. However, I can only imagine how much more my design project could have been if I would have had the adequate and proper space to create it.

We currently operate in a banquet hall with 12 ft. high ceilings and a typical stage is 40 ft. high. As a designer this greatly limits the technical aspects of a show. I wish we had height, but in our current state, it is not possible. We have all the potential and drive, but not the adequate means to reach our true potential. Please consider our needs when making your decision. Thank you.

Malic Williams, Department of Theatre, Miller Auditorium Renovation

I am Malic Williams, a senior theatre major, acting track. Think of a theatre as a laboratory. We have always strived at this university to provide the best environment for students to learn. Our science labs are state of the art and continually produce brilliant minds that go on to do valuable, innovative work because they are given the environment and equipment to thrive; to push the boundaries of their field.

Theatre, rather than probing the mysteries of science, seeks to prove the mysteries of the human experience. Right now, we are not being provided the adequate laboratory space to do so. Mundane tasks become serious problems in our inadequate space. Across from stage left to stage right, which should be as easy as crossing behind the cyc (the curtain that covers the back wall of a stage) now becomes a tedious and time consuming task due to the fact that we have no real back stage space. Time that should be spent rehearsing is given to solving a mechanical issue that we shouldn't even have. The quality of our work suffers because our laboratory is insufficient. A theatre without a back stage is as unthinkable as a chemistry lab without a Bunsen burner.

However, we persist; Slippery Rock is unique among the state schools, and other schools in the area. We are the only local school that regularly attends the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland to perform an original play. We are the only state school in the area that places a heavy focus on Shakespeare and, as the adage goes, once you can do Shakespeare you can do anything. Recently, Jackie Freeman, a Slippery Rock theatre department graduate was cast in an SNL short. Erin Berger is currently starring in a professionally produced sci-fi epic which is to premier on YouTube in the coming months. Jeff Feola was recently promoted to the company manager of New York's Public Theatre. Last year two of our actors made it into the semifinals of the Irene Ryan acting competition; a testament to the quality of education considering the first round starts with 300 students and it is whittled down to 36. It should be noted that all of those students had the opportunity to learn and grow in Miller Auditorium and although that space was antiquated it was conducive to the collaborative nature of our art. They were afforded the laboratory space that is required to promote growth and innovation in the arts, we are asking for that same opportunity. Slippery Rock has a great asset in its theatre department and in a world that increasingly says that theatre is not relevant, let us be the opposite in our reaction to that sentiment. Theatres matter, and if you agree, please, give us back our laboratory.

Margaret Rial, Department of Theatre, Miller Auditorium Renovation

Good afternoon. My name is Margaret Rial and I am a theatre, arts administration major and like Malic and Sam, I also serve on the theatre department's advisory board. I transferred from Edinboro University to Slippery Rock University, fall 2012. My main reason for transferring was for the theatre department, but more specifically, because of the arts administrative degree program. Currently, Slippery Rock

University is the only state system school that offers the program and it is very rare to offer the undergrad program at the university level.

I, unfortunately, was never able to experience theatre in Miller Auditorium, and my entire college career has been spent in the temporary space. While we do make the most of it, it is only a temporary space.

My focus in arts administration has led me to other opportunities. I currently serve as the box office manager for the performing arts series. For this series, we invite outside artists to entertain the campus and the community. While it gives me great joy to see how the arts can bring people together, it also saddens me to host our guest artists and community in an elementary space. We have loyal subscribers who have stuck with us through this time and they continue to return year after year in the hopes of a new theatre space.

It is time that we move forward with the renovations of East/West Gym and Miller Auditorium. In order for our students, our programs, and our community to grow, we need your support and we need this new facility.

Randy Nichols, chairperson, Department of Physical and Health Education

Good afternoon President Norton, Council of Trustees, invited guests. My name is Randy Nichols and I am the chairperson for the Physical and Health Education Department.

I wanted to speak briefly about the impact on our department and the vision for our department. However, to speak to the vision for the future, I wanted to take a moment and step back to share with you the history of our department. A little bit about our history, we hear a lot about our exercise science department and how large the department is, and the wonderful things happening with that marvelous program, the Exercise Science Department came from the Physical and Health Education Department. The Parks and Recreation Department is thriving, great things happening there, the Parks and Recreation Department came from the Physical and Health Education Department. The Dance Department, 15th in the country, 2nd in the state, came from the Physical and Health Education Department and is obviously thriving. This was our past.

Now on to recent history, as those folks went off to create their own depts., we've had a bit of an enrollment issue, because of challenges with teacher education, and the state department of education having some issues, etc., we suffered from that, but with challenges come opportunities. Our department saw this as an opportunity to rebrand ourselves, and to create a new vision for our department. That vision is pioneering wellness, we teach the teachers, we prepare people to teach, lead and manage physical activity and health, in schools, community centers, commercial settings, and a good example of that is the recreation center on campus. We have a new program, physical activity and fitness management. We recognized that along with the challenges came the opportunity to create some synergy in our department. It's an opportunity to bring the adaptive physical activity program together with us. If you are not aware, we have three programs in our department, teacher education, physical activity and fitness management, and adaptive physical activity.

The adaptive physical activity program is not under our roof currently, so this gives us the opportunity to collaborate and bring synergy to our department. Currently, there is little collaboration because we are not together. Our vision directly relates to bringing the adaptive physical activity program together with us. Having the Aebersold Recreation Center to utilize on campus, a beautiful facility is a huge bonus to our department. Exposure to the adaptive physical activity program will benefit the program tremendously and moving from East/West Gym to Morrow Field House will benefit the program greatly. With campus tours and prospective students, the department will be much more visible at Morrow Field

House. This is also an opportunity for growth for the program. Utilizing the Aebersold Recreation Center will bring opportunities to branch out beyond the traditional disabilities population, with the opportunity to work with the elderly, with people with obesity, a wonderful opportunity for growth.

I will just reiterate that with challenges come opportunities. This is an opportunity to bring a department together and provide a synergy and collaboration to embrace our department's vision for the future. Thank you.

PRESENTATIONS

Commendation:

Chairman Tom Breth presented the following commendation on behalf of Council:

Ms. Suzanne A. Williamson, State System legal counsel, in recognition of your outstanding service to the University as legal counsel; your exceptional creativity, legal acumen and perseverance in working with the Council and University, for providing sound legal advised in a friendly business manner; and for exemplifying the very best of what it means to serve the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. (Appendix A1)

Why Use HTTPS?

Presented by:

Joshua Robertson, Information Systems, Johnstown, PA
 Ryan Schlernitzauer, Computer Science, Pittsburgh, PA
 Andrew Butterfield, Computer Science, Pittsburgh, PA
 Dr. Stephen Larson, Assistant Professor, Computer Science

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Cheryl J. Norton provided remarks (Appendix B)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Governance Committee (Agenda, Appendix C)

Mr. Jeff Smith, chair, provided the following report:

The Governance Committee met yesterday afternoon to discuss a number of items:

Two items for action:

The first item is a Resolution (TAB 13 in your binders) identifying, in rank order, members of SRU's executive management team who will act on behalf of President Norton in her absence. The committee recommends the Resolution move forward to the full board for vote.

(McCarrier made the motion, seconded by Taylor)

The second item refers to the structure of the Academic and Student Affairs Committees. With the University's reorganization of these divisions both reporting to Provost Way, the governance committee recommends combining the two committees to be in line with the university divisions.

(Taylor made the motion, seconded by McCarrier)

Two items for information were discussed:

The first item was an update to the President's Evaluation. At this time, Council is awaiting direction from the State System as to the timeline of the evaluation process. Trustees will continue to review expectations and goals with President Norton so that when the timeline is provided, we will be prepared to proceed appropriately.

The second item was an update re: PACT. PACT is the Pennsylvania Association Council of Trustees and I serve as the SRU representative on this board. I attended a meeting a few weeks ago and one of the items discussed was bringing forward a recommendation for a standard learning assessment for veterans. This item is being discussed with more information forthcoming

The executive board of PACT would also like to continue meeting regularly with the 14 Council of Trustees Chairpersons and the executive board rep. Chairman Breth agreed that he will draft a letter to Marcus Lingenfelter, PACT President.

The PACT Conference is scheduled next week, Oct. 2, in Harrisburg. The theme is Effective Governance. I would encourage trustees to attend these workshops as an opportunity to network with State System officials, members of the Board of Governors and trustees across the system.

This concludes my report, Chairman Breth.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee (Agenda, Appendix D)

Mr. Matt Lautman provided the following report on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee met yesterday afternoon and reviewed a number of items.

We had no action items moving forward, however we reviewed the following information items:

Dr. Way provided an update to the Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Reorganization and the goal of true integration to facilitate the education of the whole student: academic, civic, leadership, ethical, social development, etc. In addition, Dr. Way provided an update to the priorities for Academic Affairs. Council received information re: our enrollment updates, new international initiatives and performance indicators.

Trustees had the opportunity to tour the Math Emporium at Bailey Library and the Collaborative Learning Classroom in North Hall. We are appreciative to the faculty members who shared these innovative learning spaces with us.

That concludes my report, Chairman Breth.

Finance and Audit Committee (Agenda, Appendix E)

Sen. Mary Jo White chairs the Finance and Audit Committee. The committee met yesterday to review items for action and information. In addition to the routine items, there was a presentation and discussion re: the Performing Arts Center project.

FY 13/14 Results, FY 14/15 Budget, and the financial report were discussed as was the potential for pilot programs.

Action items recommended by the committee to move forward for Council approval:

- 1) 14/15 Proposed Budget – Senator White commented that there is a great understanding of the processes and preparing a sound, responsible budget plan. President Norton and her team in the Finance and Administrative areas are to be commended for a job well done. The committee recommends approval of the budget.
- 2) Contracts, Fixed Assets, Service and Supply Purchase Orders – Senator White commented that these are routine items and the committee recommends approval.
- 3) Performing Arts Center – Senator White commented that this is the item that has generated the most interest and discussion and one that has been on the trustees list of proposed projects for quite some time. The comments in committee yesterday and public comments today from students, faculty, and members of the campus community were evidence of the importance to the campus in moving the project forward. The Resolution calls for approval of a new proposal to renovate Miller Auditorium into a Performing Arts Center and adjacent moves and remodeling to East/West Gym as well as moving services to Morrow Field House. It is my understanding that the committee recommends moving this proposal forward for the full Council's consideration and vote.

Information items included a shared services initiative. Dr. Mohammadi reported that western PA institutions have been meeting to evaluate opportunity for shared services to save costs, with more information forthcoming at future meetings. The facilities and planning project list and HR personnel items were reviewed by the committee.

This concludes my report, Chairman Breth.

University Advancement Committee (Agenda, Appendix F)

Commissioner William McCarrier offered the report of the University Advancement committee in the absence of Matt Shaner, chair.

The University Advancement Committee met this morning. Barbara Ender, Samantha Swift and Ed Bucha provided updates for the committee. The following topics were discussed:

Total gift income for fiscal year 2013-2014 totaled \$3.2 million, exceeding the goal by 17%. Gift income, as of September 23 totaled \$923,284 compared to \$409,507 on the same date last year.

The 125th Anniversary initiatives are ongoing through December. The Anniversary Challenge has secured \$1.6 million in gifts and commitments. The Founders Society has 341 members, and the 1889 Society, which recognizes planned and deferred gifts, has \$2.4 million in commitments. The inaugural 1889 Society Luncheon will be held October 30.

The Alumni Engagement Office has been actively involved coordinating alumni events and receptions since the last meeting of the Council of Trustees, including: Pittsburgh Pirates Game and Tailgate, Women's Athletic Golf Outing, 40 Years of Athletic Training at the Rock Reunion Dinner, Slippery Rock Pop Up Picnic Schenley Park, SRU Alumni and Friends Golf Outing, Wrestling Alumni Reunion, and the SRU Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet.

Pre-campaign planning efforts are in progress. Barbara, Samantha and Ed have been meeting regularly with the Academic Deans and Provost to identify academic initiatives that will drive the campaign. Each Academic Dean has been paired with a Major Gift Officer to enhance communication

regarding fundraising needs and initiatives related to their specific college. Cultivation is underway with MSA-The Safety Company, FISA Foundation, and PPG Foundation.

Ed Bucha reviewed the SRU Foundation Balance Sheet Summary, Income and Expense Summary, and the Investment Summary and noted the Foundation Board voted to increase support for scholarships, designating \$776,125 for 2015-16 Academic Year. The Foundation has made available (primarily through Residence Suites revenue) \$716,625 for the past four years. The Board obviously sees a great return on investment.

Homecoming Weekend festivities were center stage (for good reason) – but the committee also received information and participation updates regarding October 11 Sunset Serenade, October 18 Big House Battle, and the annual Celebration of Giving in December.

That concludes my report, Chairman Breth.

Executive Session (Agenda, Appendix G)

Council met this morning in executive session with President Norton.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FY 14/15 Proposed Budget

Senator White moved, seconded by Dr. Murray approval of the FY 14/15 Proposed Budget. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix H)

Contracts (TAB 8)

Senator White moved, seconded by Mr. Lautman approval of the Contracts. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix I)

Fixed Assets (TAB 9)

Senator White moved, seconded by Commissioner McCarrier approval of Fixed Assets. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix J)

Service and Supply Purchase Orders (TAB 10)

Commissioner McCarrier moved, seconded by Senator White, approval of the Service and Supply Purchase Orders. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix K)

Performing Arts Center (TAB 11) (Executive Summary, Appendix L)

Senator White read a Resolution proposing Slippery Rock University's undertaking to renovate East/West Gym (44,845 GSF) and add a smaller addition than previously approved (approximately 9,500 GSF that would include shop space, a dance studio, and a new lobby) to a renovated Miller Auditorium for a total cost of approximately \$22.9 million. The motion included the following additional language which was added just before the business meeting:

In addition, the Council of Trustees resolve that the University will establish and fund an endowed faculty chair in the Adaptive Physical Activities program with at least a \$1million grant.

Senator White read the proposed motion with additional language and stated that this language was not shared with the Finance Committee; therefore, the committee had not reviewed or discussed the motion as it was just read to the Council. (Appendix L1)

Trustee Taylor asked Chairman Breth that the minutes reflect for clarification that this vote today does not in any way authorize any type of construction on a Safety Management Lab at this time.

President Norton commented that any new building would have to go through Council of Trustees' approval, Board of Governor's approval, and through the legislative process.

Chairman Breth called for a roll call vote to amend the proposed motion read by Senator White to remove the language concerning the establishment and funding of an endowed faculty chair for the Adaptive Physical Activities program: Senator White moved, seconded by Commissioner McCarrier.

Robert Marcus	Yes	Commissioner McCarrier	No	Dennis Murray	Yes
Laura Ordaz	Yes	Robert Taylor	No	Tom Breth	Yes
Jeff Smith	Yes	Senator White	Yes	Matt Lautman	Yes

By majority vote of 7 in favor; 2 opposed, the motion was approved.

Chairman Breth called for a roll-call vote to approve the motion to undertake renovation of East/West Gym (44,845 GSF) and add a smaller addition than previously approved (approximately 9,500 GSF that would include shop space, a dance studio, and a new lobby) to a renovated Miller Auditorium for a total cost of approximately \$22.9 million. Senator White moved, seconded by Commissioner McCarrier.

Chairman Breth called for a roll call vote on the motion:

Robert Marcus	Yes	Commissioner McCarrier	Yes	Dennis Murray	Yes
Laura Ordaz	Yes	Robert Taylor	Yes	Tom Breth	Yes
Jeff Smith	Yes	Senator White	Yes	Matt Lautman	Yes

By unanimous vote, the motion approving the Resolution to renovate East/West Gym and renovate Miller Auditorium without any language referring to establishment and funding of an endowed faculty chair in the Adaptive Physical Activities Program was approved. (Appendix M)

Certifying Resolution – Order of Succession (TAB 13)

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Lautman, approval of Certifying Resolution – Order of Succession. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix N)

PACT Membership Structure

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Senator White, to affirm the Slippery Rock Council of Trustees desire to maintain the exiting PACT membership structure at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

COT Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee Structure

Chairman Breth called for a motion to consolidate the Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committees into one committee to be in alignment with the university division. Mr. Lautman moved, seconded by Dr. Murray. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Meeting Dates 2014-2015

December 4 & 5, 2014

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HR Personnel Items (TAB 15) (Appendix O)

Financial Report ending August 30, 2014 (TAB 14) (Appendix P)

Facilities and Planning Active Project List (Cabinet Report) (TAB 16) (Appendix Q)

Divisional Reports (TAB 18)

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Jeff Smith – I have come a long way from my first meeting. The best part of today for me is the opportunity to sit with students and hear their stories. I had lunch with two young ladies, both elementary education majors, who were bubbling with excitement about SRU. They both commented there is so much to do here and they love going to school here. Later, I talked with two young men, one plays baseball, the other football, and they were both just as excited. During my eighteen months of talking with students, I never hear, “Oh, it’s okay.” Every single student I have talked with is so excited to be here. It really is an amazing place. I also have to comment on how impressed I was with the articulation of our speakers during public comments. Thank you.

Bob Taylor – I would like to congratulate Amanda Yale and her enrollment team for the incredible job they have done. This year’s budget is a lot easier because of their work. The innovation with social media and communication with prospective students is top-notch and a standout in the System. Our success this year is largely due to what enrollment management has done. Congratulations!

Matt Lautman – I would like to commend the students who came today and shared their comments with us. The student’s involvement in the campus and their passion for their programs of study is amazing. We have so many students truly involved in the campus experience. I would encourage you to continue to speak out and voice your opinion. Thank you.

Mary Jo White – I am amazed at the budget outcome and the amount of work by the entire campus to make this a reality. The leadership, administration, and faculty are to be commended for their efforts. The public comments and testimony today from students and faculty were appreciated and heard. This project needs to move forward and I wish it could be done tomorrow. You have all waited for this for so long. What is most commendable is that you care about our future students enjoying these new

renovations and improvements. Your work and commitment today is focused on the SRU of tomorrow. This is very good news and everyone should be very proud.

Dennis Murray – I would echo Senator White’s comments. The spread of budget to actual is commendable. Congratulations President Cheryl Norton for doing a great job with the performing arts project. The students were wonderful today. Thank you all.

Commissioner Bill McCarrier –These are exciting times at Slippery Rock University. Our enrollment is up, we have a balanced budget, we are in line to accomplish even greater things. Because of my role as a commissioner, I am always talking with people who are looking to relocate to Butler County. One of the things I tout is SRU, it is the greatest of all state institutions. I’m very proud and excited to be a part of it.

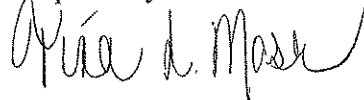
Laura Ordaz – Yesterday we had the opportunity to tour the Math Emporium in Bailey Library and the Collaborative Learning Classroom in North Hall. These are two fantastic new learning spaces and I want to thank the professors for taking the time to give us a tour and lesson in the new classrooms. Congratulations in moving the Performing Arts Center project forward.

Bob Marcus – Toda is a momentous day for me. Thank you, Dr. Norton, for putting the performing arts plan together – this is very good news that we are finally moving forward with a plan. One of the things that I’ve wanted to see is for the theatre to come to fruition. My son is a performer, he’s been on Broadway; he’s been on television, so I understand the importance of the arts and the importance of having a place for our dance and theatre majors to call home. It’s a great day to be in Slippery Rock.

Tom Breth –We often hear people say that we strive for excellence. It seems to be sometimes focused on the university, the students, faculty and staff. We as a Council are striving for excellence, we want to address issues and we are not immune to criticism. We take the topics that occurred yesterday and today, we discuss the issues and from time to time we have differences of opinion. We understand the importance of our role and personally, I will take considerable time thinking about how we can continue to work together for the good of Slippery Rock University. I appreciate all the efforts of Dr. Norton and her staff.

With no further business, the Friday, September 26, 2014 Council of Trustees meeting at Slippery Rock University adjourned at 3:10 p.m. Mr. Lautman moved, seconded by Ms. Ordaz, a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:



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