

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY**

**September 8, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Council of Trustees of Slippery Rock University was held in Conference Room 304 of Old Main on Friday, September 8, 2006. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Ms. Suzanne Vessella, Chairperson.

### Attendance

Trustees present: Ms. Suzanne Vessella, Dr. Robert Marcus, Mr. Ken Blair, Ms. Grace Hawkins, Mr. Robert Taylor, Mr. Nicholas DeRosa, Mr. John Thornburgh, Mr. Scott McCaskey

Trustees absent: Mr. Richard Christofer, Dr. Dennis Murray, (excused) and Dr. Van Peterson (excused)

### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Blair moved, seconded by Mr. McCaskey that the minutes of the June 9, 2006 meeting be approved and submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

### Public Comments

Ms. Vessella gave the audience an opportunity to address the Council at this time. Ms. Vessella welcomed Scott McCaskey to his first official meeting as a member of the Council. Ms. Vessella also congratulated Mr. Taylor, who was recently selected as Slippery Rock University's 2006 Distinguished Alumnus. There were no additional public comments.

## **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., Chairperson for the University Advancement Committee provided the following report to the Council.

The Advancement Committee continues to provide assistance to the University Advancement office with the University's financial and fundraising goals. Fundraising efforts by the Advancement Office for the President's Gala has produced more than \$130,000 in revenue for scholarship purposes.

Total annual charitable gifts received in FY 2006-2007 have topped \$100,000, an increase of 33% when compared with the same period last year. As of July 31, 2006, The Campaign for Slippery Rock University gifts and pledges totaled \$22.9 million, representing 69% of the \$33 million Campaign goal. When the August 2007 report is complete, the campaign report will note that 78% of the goal has been reached.

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 July 31<sup>st</sup>, the charitable giving total less the top three gifts was \$32,187; and the value of the endowment as of July 31<sup>st</sup> was \$18,090,400, a 9% increase over last year. The endowment represents the combined totals of the Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc., and Alumni Association endowments.

In 2005-06, total annual charitable giving decreased 31% from the 2004-05 totals. The University Advancement Division has initiated an aggressive fundraising effort that has targeted 146 prospects and \$18,530,000 in requests for 2006-07. Already completed in the first quarter of the year are 14 requests totaling more than \$12.8 million. Three pledges totaling \$4.05 million have been secured.

Plans are in place to begin Phase II of the Housing project Spring, 2007. Phase II includes two buildings housing 810 beds. The student housing project will be a significant source of undesignated funds as part of the plan to develop alternative sources of income.

### Student Life Committee

Mr. John Thornburgh, chair of the Student Life Committee, requested that Dr. Constance Foley, Vice President for Student Life, provide the committee report.

Dr. Foley provided highlights of activities of the quarter beginning with her own arrival to campus on July 3. A staff retreat was held July 18-19 to prepare for the upcoming semester, become familiar with the current status of the division, and complete an analysis for long-range goal setting within the division.

Student Services, in conjunction with the Health Center, prepared an action plan to reduce the risk of an outbreak of the mumps as well as being involved in the development of a plan for the potential of a pandemic flu outbreak.

The Office of Intercultural Programs completed the 2006-2007 program calendar including programs such as the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Jump Start Transition Program, State of America Programs, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual King Day of Service Program and the Transition Student Development Series.

The Athletic Department, working with Residence Life and the Student Union, oversaw an active summer campus and conference program, hosting numerous athletic events and over 65 camps and conferences. Revenue from these events is used for athletic scholarships.

Campus Recreation conducted numerous summer programs for both youths and adults in such areas as wheel chair basketball, Kids Morning Adventure Camp, swim lessons and safety certification courses.

Construction of Buildings A and B of the new housing complex were on time and ready for occupancy with the opening of school on August 25, 2006. It was determined that Building C would be ready for occupancy in October. In conjunction with WOW activities, the opening days of the semester were truly exciting times.

#### Finance & Audit Committee

Dr. Charles Curry, Vice President for Finance and Administrative Affairs provided the following report to the Council in the absence of Dr. Van Peterson, chair of the Finance and Audit Committee.

Items reviewed for Council action included: Contracts, Fixed Assets, and the Service and Supply Purchase Orders. A Resolution was presented to Council to approve Slippery Rock University undertaking a System-financed capital facilities project to renovate and expand Boozel Dining Hall.

Dr. Curry also reported that a new automobile travel policy that limits reimbursements for personal vehicles was recently approved by Cabinet. Potential savings of approximately \$20,000 per year in travel costs will be realized. Additionally, purchasing was able to negotiate with the current vendor to extend photocopier services throughout campus for another two years resulting in projected savings of photocopy service costs of about \$100,000 for the two-year period.

### Academic Affairs Committee

Dr. Robert Marcus, Chairperson for the Academic Affairs Committee, provided the following overview from the report provided by Dr. William F. Williams, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs.

During the last three months, Slippery Rock University had two significant programmatic actions and a significant recognition:

- At the Festival Fringe in Edinburgh, Scotland the Theatre Department received outstanding reviews for its production of David Skeele's play, *DARK NORTH*. A British critic from *Three Weeks* referred to the play as "one of the most gripping and original pieces of theatre I've ever seen, and it deserves a packed house every night."
- In July the Board of Governors approved the Bachelor of Art in Criminology and Criminal Justice as a stand alone program.
- In August we sent a letter of intention to The Office of the Chancellor to create a new major in Adaptive Physical Activity.

Enrollments for fall 2006 are strong:

- Currently 8,234 students are enrolled at SRU for fall 2006 compared to 8,045 last year.
- Currently we are 1.9% ahead of last year in credit hours generated.
- Our Mean SAT combined score for new first year students is 1002 compared to 1001 last year.
- The percentage of new students in the top 25% of their graduating high school has remained at 29%, the same as last year.
- Registered out-of-state students are currently at 206 compared to 148 last year.
- Registered transfer students from Pennsylvania Community Colleges are at 13% compared to 12.45% last year.
- 133 African-American students are registered compared to 96 last year.

### **ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

#### Resolution – Renovation and Expansion of Boozel Dining Hall (TAB 2)

Mr. Thornburgh moved, seconded by Mr. Blair that the Resolution – Renovation and Expansion of Boozel Dining Hall be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously (Appendix B)

Proposed University Union Fee Increase (TAB 3)

Ms. Hawkins moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor that the Proposed University Union Fee Increase be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix C)

Contracts (TAB 4)

Mr. Blair moved, seconded by Mr. McCaskey that the Contracts be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix D)

Fixed Assets (TAB 5)

Mr. Thornburgh moved, seconded by Dr. Marcus that the Fixed Assets be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix E)

Service and Supply Purchase Orders (TAB 6)

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

FY '06-'07 Budget Request (TAB 7)

Mr. Blair moved, seconded by Dr. Marcus that the FY '06-'07 Budget Request be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix G)

Proposed Meeting Dates for 2007 (TAB 8)

Dr. Marcus moved, seconded by Mr. Blair that this item is tabled for discussion and approval at the December 15 Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix H)

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date of the Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees is scheduled for Friday, December 15, 2006.

Instructional Appointments Effective Summer Session 2006Instructional Appointments Effective the First Semester, 2006-2007Support Staff AppointmentsManagement Support Appointment

Operational Leadership/Professional Appointments

State University Administrator Appointments

Grant Funded Program Coordinator Appointment

Non-Faculty Athletic Coach Appointments

Retirements

Resignations

Professor Emeritus Status

Visiting International Exchange Faculty Appointments

Sabbatical Leave Approvals 2007-2008

Tuition Waiver for New International Students – 0906

Facilities & Planning Construction Projects

**Quarterly Internal Audit Report**

**Quarterly Division Reports**

**Budget (Information Only)**

### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Mr. DeRosa welcomed Dr. Connie Foley and Scott McCaskey to the table. Mr. DeRosa thanked the group for their continued work for the good of the University.

Mr. Blair acknowledged Dr. Connie Foley and Scott McCaskey and very much looks forward to working with them. He also thanked Bob Taylor for his support of the University, especially in the area of fundraising. “Congratulations, Bob, for this much deserved recognition.”

Scott McCaskey thanked everyone on the Council for welcoming him, and commented on what an honor it is to serve the students in this capacity.

Grace Hawkins commented on what a treat it was to have lunch with the students at Weinsenfluh today.

Bob Taylor welcomed Dr. Foley and looks forward to working with her and anticipates great things from the Division of Student Life under her leadership. He also commented on Scott's appointment to the Council and what a wonderful addition he is. Mr. Taylor also thanked Chairperson Vessella for the work she did to put together the informative and content driven agenda for this morning and yesterday.

John Thornburgh also welcomed Dr. Foley and Scott McCaskey. He also congratulated Bob Taylor, "you are so deserving of this award, and your level of commitment and involvement is to be commended."

President Smith welcomed Dr. Foley and Scott McCaskey. He also thanked Suzanne and Bob Taylor for providing the opportunity to come together at the Retreat yesterday, it was very informative and we are grateful for the opportunity. President Smith also thanked Council for their reconsideration of the university union fee increase – you can have confidence that we will manage this very well. He ended with congratulations to Bob Taylor – "you are a great choice to receive this honor and especially at this signature event."

With no further business, the Friday, September 8, 2006 Council of Trustees meeting at Slippery Rock University adjourned at 2:25 p.m. Mr. Blair moved, Ms. Hawkins seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.