

SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

April 16, 2010

The regular meeting of the Council of Trustees of Slippery Rock University was held in The Watson Family Conference Room of the Russell Wright Alumni House and Conference Center on Friday, April 16, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by Mr. Robert S. Taylor, Esq., chairperson.

Recording of Attendance

Trustees present: Dr. John Hicks, Ms. Suzanne Vessella, Ms. Jessica Cosme, Mr. Eric Holmes, Dr. Robert Marcus, Mr. Robert Taylor, Ms. Grace Hawkins, Mr. Nick DeRosa

Trustees absent: Mr. John Thornburgh, Mr. Joshua Young, Dr. Dennis Murray

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Dr. Marcus moved, seconded by Dr. Hicks approval of the April 16, 2010 meeting agenda as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix A)

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Vessella moved, seconded by Mr. DeRosa that the meeting minutes of February 12, 2010 be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (TAB 1)

Public Comments

None.

Presentations

Dr. David Dailey, professor, Department of Computer Science

Dr. Dailey, recipient of the "An SVG Primer for Today's Browsers" Dr. Dailey's 240-page book has attracted the attention of international computer experts leading the new graphics platform with the World Wide Web Consortium.

Mr. Nick Barcio, President, Student Government Association

Nick provided a report of SGA activities and introduced Mr. Jeremiah Rosser, incoming President, Student Government Association. Jeremiah will be sworn in at the SGA Executive Board Meeting, Thursday, April 29, 2010

Resolution of Commendation – Mr. Josh Rizzo (Appendix B)

Josh, editor-in-chief of The Rocket was named the Arthur Barlow National Student Journalist of the Year by the Society of Collegiate Journalists, the National Honorary Journalism Society. The award was announced March 13 during SCJ's national convention in New York City.

Resolution of Commendation – Mrs. Barbara A. Massella (Appendix C)

Barb Massella began her 35-year career at Slippery Rock State College in 1975 as a secretary in the School of Education, provided clerical assistance to the Dean's Office for 29 years, and was appointed administrative assistant in the President's Office in 2004. Barb is an outstanding and dedicated member of the SRU family, and we congratulate her on her retirement and we thank her for her commitment and excellent service to Slippery Rock University. Congratulations Barb, we will miss you!

Resolution of Commendation – Ms Jessica Cosme (Appendix D)

Jessica Cosme, our student trustee, will graduate from Slippery Rock University May 8, 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science, with minors in International Affairs and Russian. Ms. Cosme is a visible student leader both on and off the Slippery Rock campus. Jessica completed an internship with the Speaker of the Pennsylvania House under the direction of both the Chief of Protocol and Special Events and the Director of Communication. On campus, Ms. Cosme has been an active voice and engaged leader with the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, promoting events and engaging in campus activities on behalf of the student led organization. She is a former community assistant, an active member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honorary, a former senator and current parliamentarian with the Student Government Association, an active member of the SRU College Democrats, co-founder of Americans for Informed Democracy, and co-president of Amnesty International. In 2009, she was selected as an SRU Woman of Distinction. The Council thanks Jessica for her outstanding leadership, knows she will go out into the world and do great things, and will miss her at future deliberations. Congratulations Jessica!

We have comments from two faculty members who could not be here with us, but wanted to extend Congratulations to Jessica for this recognition today...

"I have found Ms. Cosme to be an energetic and inquisitive student with a genuine interest in both her success and the success of her fellow students. Without reservation, I am able to rank Ms. Cosme as one of the top students in terms of leadership and potential for leadership I have had the pleasure of teaching at Slippery Rock University."

Dr. Heather Frederick
Assistant Professor
Department of Political Science

"Jessica Cosme is an impressive young woman, one who is able to balance multiple responsibilities while continuing to meet her own very high academic standards. She is responsible, mature, and reliable, a natural leader and a young woman who is able to wed a clear vision of how she can extend herself as a life-long learner with a clear vision also of how she can better the world in meaningful ways. She works to link the personal to the political in all that she does and enacts her feminist politics and philosophies in thoughtful and thought-through ways. I hold Jessica in very high regard."

Dr. Cindy LaCom, Professor and WMST Director
English Department
Slippery Rock University

Welcome Brandon Maharaj

Chairman Taylor introduced Mr. Brandon Maharaj, an SRU exercise science major from Indiana, PA, who was recently selected as our next student trustee. Brandon has not yet been officially confirmed by Senate of this appointment, but we should hear word of his confirmation very soon. Welcome Brandon!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs Committee

Dr. John Hicks, chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, shared the following information based on a report provided to him by Dr. William F. Williams, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs:

Major University Technology Infrastructure Upgrades

The Banner Student Information System (SIS) project is well underway with the project scope and associated parameters well defined. Our highly dedicated SIS Core functional and technical teams are working long hours to complete all SIS related tasks while maintaining their regular jobs. In spite of all other competing institutional priorities, the SRU Core Implementation Team has been strong and remains very committed to the success of the project.

A simple inventory of the activities that have been completed since the beginning of the project includes:

1. Planning for all primary systems
2. Assignment of SRU and SunGard Higher Education (SIS software vendor) teams
3. Acquisition of hardware and software
4. Installation of major systems (hardware and software)
5. Completion of Business Process Modeling

The activities listed above have allowed the SRU team to start to develop a good understanding of the new system and become familiar with each one of the 8 modules that are being deployed. With help from the SunGard consultants (over 40 in number), the SRU team is starting to decide on how to configure the Banner system according to SRU-specific processes.

Programs

The Masters of Art in English is being placed on moratorium because of low enrollments.

Enrollment of First-time, Full-time students

	Fall 2010	Fall 2009
Applications	5,846	5,776
Offers	3,932	3,624
Deposits	1,483	1,554

Finance & Audit Committee

Ms. Suzanne Vessella and Dr. Charles Curry, vice president for Finance and Administrative Affairs provided a report of the Finance and Audit Committee.

The Finance and Audit Committee, chaired by Joshua Young, met yesterday in the Marcus Conference Room to discuss items for Council Action. Also in attendance was Dr. Constance Foley, vice

president for Student Life and Ms. Deb Pincek, assistant to vice president for Student Life to discuss fees presented for Council action.

The following action items were recommended for approval: Contracts, Fixed Assets, Service and Supply Purchase Orders, BOG Policy 1985-04-A, Health Services Fee, Meal Plan Fee, and the Student Union Fee.

Items reviewed as information included the Quarterly Budget Report, the Financial Report/Management Letter, the Capital Budget, Facilities and Planning Active Project List and listened to a presentation by *Sightlines*. *Sightlines* QVC process collects and analyzes data on campus to quantify, verify, and qualify information and then analyzes data and creates a model to show the relationship between operating and capital issues. *Sightlines*' offers practices to custom benchmarks to document performance and plan strategically.

University Advancement Committee

Mr. Eric Holmes shared the activities of the University Advancement Division based on a report provided to him by Ms. Barbara Ender, vice president for Advancement.

Plans are progressing for the President's Scholarship "Gala in the Garden," which is just one month away – May 15, in North Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. A web site is available for Gala information and viewing selected silent auction items. Tickets are \$100 per person. All trustees are encouraged to attend, so get your reservations in for what promises to be an enjoyable evening and for a very important cause. All proceeds support scholarships at SRU.

As of March 31, gifts for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 totaled over \$1,249,500, an increase of 6.8% compared to last year's total for same period.

The annual scholarship luncheon was held last Saturday, April 10, in the University Club of North Hall. The event brought together close to 100 named scholarship donors and their student recipients.

At the Alumni Association Recognition Banquet scheduled for tomorrow evening in the Alumni Center, awards will be presented to four young alumni, two outstanding seniors, and 17 student scholarship recipients.

A search is underway to fill the assistant vice president for development position within the Advancement Division. The Search Committee is conducting phone interviews with four candidates today.

Student Life Committee

Ms. Jessica Cosme and Mr. John Thornburgh serve as co-chairs of the Student Life Committee. Chairman Taylor called on Ms. Cosme to share student highlights.

This morning we had the privilege of hearing from students about their spring break experiences abroad. Pam Frigot, Director of International Initiatives, shared with Trustees the importance of providing international opportunities to students for academic study and in service to others. Nearly 300 students gained world knowledge through trips to 11 countries as part of their spring semester class work. Eighteen students and four SRU staff traveled to a St. Lucia Ministry to deliver 3,000 pairs of shoes that

were collected by Bishop Canevin High School and packaged by SRU students. Students also led a leadership conference for high school students. Sixty-five students and their faculty spent spring break lending a hand as volunteers in cities across the US as part of the University's annual Care Break program.

Thanks to Pam Frigot and students Emily Cook, Eric Avila, and Heather Karns for sharing their stories (and photos) with us.

Dr. Foley also commented that she and Deb Pincek were an integral part of the Finance & Audit Committee meeting yesterday to share information with Council regarding student fees.

Dining Services

By unanimous committee decision, the food services contract was awarded to AVI Food Systems, Inc. AVI submitted a creative and highly personalized proposal that promises to continue the exemplary service that they have been providing to campus for the past seven years. After a review of the financial proposal, AVI was low bid. Three companies submitted proposals.

Athletics

SRU student-athletes performed well in the classroom with 142 students attaining Director of Athletics Honor Roll status with a 3.5 or above QPA, and 38 honor roll members attained a 4.0 QPA for the fall 2009 semester.

Pennsylvania Association of Council of Trustees (PACT)

Dr. John Hicks serves as the Slippery Rock University trustee representative and serves on the executive board of PACT.

The next PACT Conference will be held next week at East Stroudsburg University on Wednesday and Thursday, April 21 & 22, 2010. Trustees would have received registration materials by mail from Linda Min, conferencing coordinator for PACT. If you have questions, call or email Tina Moser for assistance.

At PACT Conferences you can:

- Experience the unique nature of another PASSHE university;
- Interact with talented student leaders;
- Benefit from other PASSHE university best practices and challenges;
- Learn more about innovative programs offered at other PASSHE universities;
- Receive updated information on PASSHE policies, programs, and legal issues that impact the work of trustees, and
- Relax and mingle with other trustees, students, presidents, faculty and PASSHE staff.

On a final note, Dr. Marcus and Dr. Hicks both participated in a PASSHE Council of Trustees training workshop recently.

SAVE THE DATE

Kutztown University of Pennsylvania will host the next PACT Conference scheduled for October 13-14, 2010. We will see you at Kutztown in the fall.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (Appendix E)

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Contracts (TAB 2)

Ms. Hawkins moved, seconded by Dr. Hicks to approve the Contracts. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix F)

*Ms. Vessella abstained from voting on this item.

Fixed Assets (TAB 3)

Mr. Holmes moved, seconded by Ms. Hawkins that the Fixed Assets be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix G)

*Mr. Taylor abstained from voting on this item.

Service and Supply Purchase Orders (TAB 4)

Dr. Hicks moved, seconded by Mr. Holmes that the Service and Supply Purchase Orders be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix H)

Resolution – Compliance with BOG Policy 1985-04-A (TAB 5)

Ms. Cosme moved, seconded by Mr. DeRosa the Resolution – Compliance with BOG Policy 1985-04-A. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix I)

Student Health Center Fee (TAB 6)

Dr. Hicks moved, seconded by Mr. Holmes the approval of the Student Health Center Fee. By roll call vote, the motion carried with 5 in favor, 3 opposed. (Appendix J)

**Student Health Center fee increase of \$67/based on 4.8% of tuition*

Meal Plan Fee 2010-2011 (TAB 7)

Mr. Holmes moved, seconded by Dr. Hicks the approval of the Meal Plan Fee 2010-2011. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix K)

Student Union Fee (TAB 8)

Ms. Cosme moved, seconded by Mr. Holmes the approval of the Student Union Fee. Following a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. (Appendix L)

**Student Union fee increase of \$50*

INFORMATION ITEMS (TAB #9 – TAB #14)

Next Meeting Date

Last scheduled meeting date for 2010: June 3 & 4, 2010

Quarterly Budget Report

Financial Statements

Capital Budget Request

Facilities and Planning Active Project List

Instructional Appointments Effective the Second Semester 2009-2010

State University Administrator Appointments

Support Staff Appointments

Retirements

Resignations

Non-Renewal of Non-Faculty Athletic Coaches

Tuition Waiver for New International Students – 0110

Divisional Reports

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nick DeRosa – It's been a pleasure being on campus these last two days. I especially appreciated the opportunity to visit with our students involved in international academic opportunities, meet and greet SGA officers, and enjoy a showcase of AVI foods with our student athletes. It's great to meet our students and confirm that we are doing outstanding things at SRU.

Jessica Cosme – I have nothing but gratitude to the campus community, and many thanks to all of you for your support and encouragement through the years. After many discussions with Rita Abent, I was motivated to begin a \$20.10 (2010) challenge. We now have quite a few students involved in the challenge and many have issued their checks before even graduating. I can't say enough about this place, and the people here. I appreciate you all – thank you!

Eric Holmes – I appreciated being part of the meetings this morning. I am looking forward to celebrating Commencement May 8, and look forward to the President's Scholarship Gala May 15.


Bob Marcus – It was a very beneficial and informative meeting this morning. It is a beautiful day to be at Slippery Rock University.

Grace Hawkins - A very beneficial morning with great discussion, and this afternoon I got to eat at five different restaurants – a wonderful experience. Thank you, Dr. Dailey, for a most impressive presentation. Congratulations Jessica – you will be missed. Welcome Brandon!

John Hicks – It's refreshing to be a Trustee and to see the impressive students we have here. This afternoon we enjoyed lunch with a few of our student athletes who score high both in academics and in their respective sports. It's great to be here and witness the great things at Slippery Rock University.

Bob Taylor – We've had some great, productive Council meetings over the years, but I would like to rank this as one of the best. President Smith – thanks to you and your staff for putting these meetings together – many people work very hard to make these meetings happen.

With no further business, the Friday, April 16, 2010 Council of Trustees meeting at Slippery Rock University adjourned at 3:15 p.m. Ms. Hawkins moved; Mr. Holmes seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

 Respectfully Submitted:

Tina L. Moser, Administrative Liaison to the SRU Council of Trustees