

MINUTES
COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY
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The regular meeting of the Council of Trustees of Slippery Rock University was held at the Regional Learning Alliance on Friday, June 10, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Dr. Robert Marcus, Chairperson.

Attendance

Trustees present: Dr. Robert Marcus, Dr. Dennis Murray, Mr. Ken Blair, Dr. Orvan Peterson, Ms. Suzanne Vessella, Ms. Angele Waugaman, Ms. Marci King, Mr. John Thornburgh, Dr. Arlene Quinlan, and Mr. Robert Taylor.

Trustees absent: Mr. Richard Christofer.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Dennis Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Ken Blair that the minutes of the March 11, 2005 meeting be approved and submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Chairperson Marcus gave the audience an opportunity to address the Council at this time. There were no public comments.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

(Appendix A)

President Smith distributed the Report of the President to the Council. Chairperson Marcus thanked President Smith for an excellent report and continued outstanding leadership as President of Slippery Rock University.

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 met yesterday and determined to engage actively and with full participation in a plan to assist the University Advancement office with the University's financial and fundraising goals. Mr. Taylor reported that Trustee participation is well on its way to meeting the 100% participation goal. The committee discussed a number of initiatives including the Lifetime Giving program, an award process that has been enacted through the presentation of lifetime giving pins awarded to past givers. This initiative has enhanced others to join in and try to reach higher levels of lifetime giving.

In addition, the Advancement committee received information regarding an exciting new concept, MOVES management, the University Advancement office will implement. The group looks forward to hearing a full-blown presentation by the President and Mr. Mollenhauer at the September meeting explaining how this new approach will be implemented to raise support for the University.

Also, Dr. Ed Bucha provided an update on the Student Housing Project and announced that the bond issue closed on the first phase of the project. The project is moving forward.

The Campaign for Slippery Rock University, a ten-year, \$33 million effort, reached 57% of the goal. Committee members discussed ways in which to elevate the fundraising efforts of the Campaign.

The Advancement Division reports, as of April 30, a total of 112 proposals submitted for the current fiscal year and 61 submitted proposals carried over from last fiscal year. The proposals total \$7.9 million in requests.

The value of the endowment, a combination of endowment totals of the Alumni Association and the Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc., was \$16.1 million as of March 31, 2005.

Student Life Committee

Mr. John Thornburgh, Chairperson for the Student Life Committee, provided the report of the Student Life Committee.

The Council was provided a comprehensive report regarding Dining Services assessment. A new 15-meal plan for the fall semester was also presented, which will provide one more option for the students. The new plan would be considered a premium option because it will include "perks" not available with other more traditional meal plans. The plan will be especially attractive to students who use Rocky's Grille as their primary dining location.

A summary of the Division of Student Life's Rising Star Reception was presented. The reception recognizes contributions to student life and leadership during the academic year.

Several papers were distributed to the Council of Trustees, which were written by students who traveled to Spain on the Student Leadership International Initiatives Trip in March 2005. Additionally, thank you notes from SRU students in service were shared with Council. The students in service received care packages prepared by students and sent from campus on April 7, 2005.

In conclusion, Mr. Thornburgh reported that Dr. Watson presented information on current alcohol-related issues at local, state, and national levels, and distributed the quarterly judicial affairs report, which identifies violations of the SRU Code of Conduct.

Finance & Audit Committee

Dr. Orvan Peterson, Chairperson for the Finance and Audit Committee provided the following information to Council from a report given by Dr. Charles Curry, Vice President for Finance and Administrative Affairs.

Items reviewed for Council action included: The Annual Inspection of Facilities Report, Contracts, Fixed Assets, and Service and Supply Purchase Orders.

Council was presented with the Internal Audit Report by Kimberly A. Greco, CPA, Director of Internal Audit. Ms. Greco provided a comprehensive report of projects completed and the tentative audit plan for 2005-2006, which includes NCAA Athletics Statement of Revenue and Expenditures, Athletics Title IX Compliance Report, and Summer Housing Cost Rate Analysis.

The institution is working on several projects including the Storm Harbor Equestrian Center with completion scheduled for fall 2005, the new Science and Technology Building with scheduled completion spring 2006, and the renovation of Vincent Science Hall, with design work in progress.

Academic Affairs Committee

Dr. Dennis Murray, Chairperson for the Academic Affairs Committee, requested that Dr. William F. Williams, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs provide an overview of the comprehensive report he presented to Council during the morning session.

Slippery Rock University's enrollment goal is to increase the class by 2% over the previous year. In order to increase the quality of the incoming class, admissions has continued to admit undergraduate students in an attempt to build the first-time, full-time cohort of 1450-1550. Transfer applications are up by 5.2% and the yield on offer to deposit is up from 73.3% last year to 74.9% this year. The current average SAT for the deposits is 1004 compared to the previous three years of 983, 993, and 960 respectively. African American and Hispanic average SAT is 934 compared to the two previous years of 900 and 893.

Graduate student numbers are up from last year with the most notable gain in Physical Therapy with 113 applications compared with 79 applications last year. Of those registered for next year, eight came through the Pre-Physical Therapy 3+3 Program which has functioned to increase undergraduate enrollments in the sciences and bring qualified students into Physical Therapy. Overall graduation applications are up from 475 last year to 529 this year.

Program changes include a proposal that has been favorably reviewed by the State System to create a B.A. in Criminology, which is currently a track under Sociology. A stand-alone degree would make the major more competitive. M.S. in Sustainable Systems has been changed to reduce the number of tracks and to create a core of courses taken by M.S. students in Environmental Education. These changes were made in order to create needed enrollments in the program. Liberal Studies requirements have been changed to reduce the required hours from 52 to 48 and to change the PE activity requirement to a wellness elective.

Spring 2006 Pennsylvania Association Council of Trustees (PACT) Conference

Dr. Van Peterson reported on the discussion regarding the PACT Conference scheduled to be hosted by Slippery Rock University April 19 – 21, 2006. The PACT Executive Committee will be working with SRU Trustees and Slippery Rock University Administration on the planning details to ensure a successful event.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Annual Inspection of Facilities Report (TAB 2)

Mr. Blair moved, seconded by Dr. Peterson that the Annual Inspection of Facilities Report be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously (Appendix B)

Contracts (TAB 3)

Dr. Peterson moved, seconded by Ms. Waugaman that the Contracts be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix C)

Fixed Assets (TAB 4)

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

Service and Supply Purchase Orders (TAB 5)

Dr. Peterson moved, seconded by Dr. Murray that the Service and Supply Purchase Orders be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix E)

Nominations/Election of Officers (Council of Trustees) (TAB 6)

Mr. Blair moved, seconded by Mr. Thornburgh that the slate of officers presented for nomination at the March 11, 2005 meeting be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. The following officers will serve June 2005 – June 2006: Dr. Dennis Murray, Chairperson; Ms. Suzanne Vessella, Vice-Chairperson; Ms. Angele Waugaman, Secretary. (Appendix F)

INFORMATION ITEMS

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date of the Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees is scheduled for Friday, September 9, 2005.

Remainder meeting dates for 2005: December 16, 2005

Instructional Appointments Effective the Summer Session, 2005

Instructional Appointments Effective the First Semester, 2005-2006

Strategic Leadership Appointments

Tactical Leadership/Senior Professional Appointments

Support Staff Appointments

Resignations

Retirements

Promotions Effective Fall Semester 2005-2006

Tenure Effective Fall Semester 2005-2006

Non-Renewal of Faculty Member

Professor Emeritus Status

Adjunct Faculty 2005-2006

Facilities and Planning – Construction Projects (June, 2005)

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ms. Waugaman presented to Dr. Marcus a special gift on behalf of the students of Slippery Rock University for his outstanding service to students. On a personal note, Ms. Waugaman thanked Dr. Marcus for his invaluable counsel and support.

Mr. Blair offered congratulations to the incoming officers of the Council. He also echoed the same sentiments as Ms. Waugaman for Dr. Marcus's leadership as Chair of the Council and his many wonderful contributions as a member of Council.

Dr. Peterson noted that the Council as a whole is a strong, active voice and the open, frank discussions are both welcomed and encouraged. Congratulations to all for continuing to do a wonderful job for the University.

Dr. Murray offered congratulations to Dr. Marcus for his leadership to the Council, and thanked Council for his nomination to serve as chair.

Ms. Vessella thanked Dr. Marcus for his leadership as Chair of Council, and congratulated and thanked President Smith for his outstanding leadership to the University.

Mr. Thornburgh thanked Dr. Marcus for his outstanding work and dedication as Chair, is looking forward to working with Dr. Murray, and offered special congratulations to Dr. Robert Watson, Vice President for Student Life. Dr. Watson has a passion for this University and provides outstanding service to the students.

Ms. King offered thanks to Dr. Marcus and congratulations to the incoming officers.

Mr. Taylor congratulated Dr. Marcus for his outstanding service to the students of Slippery Rock University and his leadership to the Council. He offered the following vignette...

Man in the Arena

by Theodore Roosevelt

It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.

With no further business, the Friday, June 10, 2005 Council of Trustees meeting at Slippery Rock University adjourned at 2:15 p.m. Mr. Blair moved, Ms. Waugaman seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.