

MINUTES

COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES

SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY

September 9, 2005

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
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The regular meeting of the Council of Trustees of Slippery Rock University was held at the Storm Harbor Equestrian Center on Friday, September 9, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Dr. Dennis Murray, Chairperson.

Attendance

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

Trustees absent: Mr. Richard Christofer, Ms. Marcie King, Mr. John Thornburgh

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ken Blair moved, seconded by Dr. Van Peterson that the minutes of the June 10, 2005 meeting be approved and submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Chairperson Murray gave the audience an opportunity to address the Council at this time.

Dr. Thomas Hajzus, an alumnus of Slippery Rock University, 100 Carol Drive, McMurray, PA 15317 (724-941-7482) addressed the Council. Dr. Hajzus voiced his concerns regarding the hiring practices of Slippery Rock University as a result of his experiences as an applicant for a faculty position within the College of Education. Dr. Hajzus believes his credentials would have warranted an interview for the position. Dr. Hajzus was not granted an interview nor did he feel he received notification of the status of the search process in a timely fashion. Dr. Hajzus believes that alumni are the backbone of the institution, and they should be acknowledged and appreciated for their importance to the University.

President Smith assured Dr. Hajzus that he will talk with him directly to address his concerns.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

(Appendix A)

President Smith distributed the Report of the President to the Council. Chairperson Murray thanked President Smith for his 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 discussed their participation in a plan to assist the University Advancement office with the University's financial and fundraising goals. Mr. Taylor reported that Trustee participation has reached 100%. The Trustees Advancement Committee continues to make progress on implementing a donor-centered fundraising operation. This includes Trustees' involvement in building stronger relationships with alumni and friends of the University. The Trustee Advancement Committee endorsed efforts to improve securing unrestricted support.

Bill Sturtevant, vice president at the University of Illinois Foundation will present a seminar on donor-center fundraising and MOVES management. The seminar is scheduled for Friday, September 30 at the Alumni House from 8 AM to 3 PM. All Trustees are encouraged to attend.

The Campaign for Slippery Rock University, a ten-year, \$33 million effort, reached 59% of the goal (19.6 million in gifts and pledges).

The value of the endowment, a combination of endowment totals of the Alumni Association and the Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc., was \$16.5 million as of July 31, 2005.

Student Life Committee

Dr. John Bonando, Assistant Vice President for Student Services, provided the report of the Student Life Committee on behalf of Mr. John Thornburgh, chairperson for the Student Life Committee.

The Week of Welcome (WOW) required a great deal of organization and planning and was successfully completed August 25 through September 2. Due to major construction at various locations on campus, a number of new first-year students were invited to move into their residence halls beginning Thursday, August 25. The majority

of first-year students and their families were invited on campus to move into residence halls Friday, August 26. Collaborative activities involving Student Life and Academic Affairs divisions were planned for the weekend.

Over the summer, WTW Architects, Pittsburgh, PA and Student Life divisional representatives communicated regarding the feasibility study for the new University Union/Dining Services/Performing Arts building(s). The University Union task force resumed meeting on Tuesday, August 30.

During the summer months, Dining Services and University Union staff worked toward improvements in the facilities and services that will be available to the campus community for the coming academic year. The FY 06 budgets are in place with funding the same as FY 05.

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: FY 2005-2006 Operating Budget Request, 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 FY 2006, which included inventory audits of the Student Health Center, Vincent Science Center, and Facilities Maintenance and Office Supplies. A Revision of the Internal Control Questionnaire expands all areas to get a better understanding of the University departments and their current level of internal controls. A report from the Athletic Department was reconciled to the Financial Aid Department. The report is used in the completion of the NCAA Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act (EADA) Report.

Academic Affairs Committee

Dr. Robert Marcus, Chairperson for the Academic Affairs Committee provided the following report as an overview of the comprehensive report Provost William F. Williams provided to Council.

Dr. William J. McKinney, dean of the College of Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts presented to Trustees at the morning session an overview of the college structure, student enrollment, accreditation activity, student and faculty accomplishments, and initiatives for the 2005-2006 academic year.

In August 2005, Slippery Rock University was awarded accreditation by the Council of Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) for the School Counseling program in our College of Education, and Slippery Rock

University was awarded accreditation for six separate degree programs in computer science and information sciences in our College of Business, Information, and Social Sciences by the Accrediting Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET).

In Fall 2005, The Theatre Department has a scheduled visit by a team from the accrediting agent, National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST).

In Spring 2006, The Art Department has a scheduled visit by a team from its accrediting agent, National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASDA).

Our headcount for fall semester was 8,088 on the first day of classes, a new record high for Slippery Rock University. Our credit hours generated will be 2% higher than last year, reflecting an increase in transfer students and an increase in retention of students from first to second year. The mean SAT score for the first-time, full-time cohort is at 1001, the highest rate ever at Slippery Rock University. The average mean score for Pennsylvania was 1003, for Allegheny County 954 and for Butler County 961 – we have 725 new students at Slippery Rock University from these two counties this fall.

By hiring 12 females out of 21 tenure track hires, Slippery Rock University has increased the female faculty to 46.08% of the total faculty, a percentage that meets the Pennsylvania State System's Performance Goal for June 30, 2009.

By hiring 10 minority faculty members out of 21 tenure track hires, Slippery Rock University has reached 16.27% minority faculty and exceeded the Pennsylvania State System's Performance Goal for June 30, 2009.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FY 2005-2006 Operating Budget Request (TAB 2)

Dr. Peterson moved, seconded by Dr. Marcus that the FY 2005-2006 Operating Budget Request be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix B)

Contracts (TAB 3)

Dr. Peterson moved, seconded by Ms. Vessella that the Contracts be approved as submitted. Motion carried with one abstention. (Appendix C)

Fixed Assets (TAB 4)

Dr. Peterson moved, seconded by Mr. Blair, 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 Mr. Blair that the Service and Supply Purchase Orders be approved as submitted. Motion carried with one abstention. (Appendix E)

Resolution - Honorary Doctorate – Mr. Marvin Hamlich (TAB 6)

Mr. Blair moved, seconded by Ms. Waugaman that the resolution to confer an honorary degree L.H.D. Doctor of Humane Letters (*litterarum doctor, honoris causa*) upon Mr. Marvin Hamlich, Principal Pops Conductor with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix F).

Resolution – Demolition of Residence Halls (TAB 7)

Dr. Peterson moved, seconded by Mr. Blair the resolution for approval by the Trustees the demolition of Founders, Bard, Dodds, Harner, Patterson, and Kraus Halls when and if the University deems necessary be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix G)

Committee Assignments – 2005 – 2006 (TAB 8) **Information Only**
(Appendix H)

Council of Trustees – Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2006 (TAB 9)

Ms. Vessella moved, seconded by Mr. Blair the Meeting Dates of the Council of Trustees for Calendar Year 2006. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix I)

Naming of Street Address for Storm Harbor Equestrian Center (TAB 10)

Mr. Blair moved, seconded by Ms. Vessella, the request for approval that the street address for the Storm Harbor Equestrian Center be named Storm Harbor Drive. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix J)

Foundation Board Item (Tab 11)

Dr. Marcus moved, seconded by Mr. Blair the SRU Council of Trustees recommendation that the Slippery Rock Foundation Board establish a means for having Trustee representation on their Board. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix K)

Informal Evaluation of President Robert M. Smith (Tab 12)

Ms. Vessella moved, seconded by Dr. Marcus the informal evaluation of Robert M. Smith for Board of Governors approval, which recommends the extension of President Smith's contract for an additional year not to exceed the maximum term allowed under board policy. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix L)

INFORMATION ITEMS

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date of the Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees is scheduled for Friday, December 2, 2005.

Visiting International Exchange Faculty Appointments

Instructional Appointments Effective the First Semester, 2005-2006

Operational Leadership/Professional Appointments

State University Administrator Appointments

Non-Faculty Athletic Coach Appointment

Support Staff Appointments

Resignations

Retirements

Professor Emeritus Status

Sabbatical Leave Approvals 2006-2007

Tuition Waiver for New International Students 09/05

Program Reviews 2004-05 Academic Year

Facilities & Planning (Construction Projects)

Quarterly Internal Audit Reports

With no further business, the Friday, September 9, 2005 Council of Trustees meeting at Slippery Rock University adjourned at 2:50 p.m.