

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY

December 2, 2005

The regular meeting of the Council of Trustees of Slippery Rock University was held in Conference Room 304 of Old Main on Friday, December 2, 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, Ms. Grace Hawkins, Mr. Robert Taylor, Mr. Nicholas DeRosa.

Trustees absent: Mr. Richard Christofer and Mr. John Thornburgh (excused).

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ken Blair moved, seconded by Ms. Suzanne Vessella that the minutes of the September 9, 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. There were no public comments.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

(Appendix A)

President Smith distributed the Report of the President to the Council. Chairperson Murray 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 last year, 100% of Trustees were credited with providing support to the University. The committee established a \$1000 goal for each Trustee to contribute annually, however, it is understood that Trustees will contribute according to their individual means.

The committee discussed a number of initiatives including the potential roles of Trustees. Trustees will lead by example and be consistent donors, regularly attend meetings, sponsor events and invite major gift prospects into the life of the University, and serve as natural partners and primary players in the moves management process of major gift cultivation. In addition, it was reported that a member of the Council is invited to serve as a liaison to the Slippery Rock University Foundation Board in a non-voting capacity.

Also reported was the goal of the special events initiative in the Office of University Public Relations to create new events and enhance existing events to bring people of influence to campus or to SRU events at other venues. The Trustees attended the second ING series event last night, "An Evening with Marvin Hamlisch," followed by a President's reception for special guests.

The Division of University Advancement is reported gifts and pledges received since the last Council of Trustees meeting include:

- \$250,000 from the Snyder Charitable Foundation;
- \$210,000 from the estate of Helen K. Thompson, a 1930 graduate
- \$24,500 from John and Kathryn Conway for unrestricted purposes, the President's Signature Circle Scholarship in recognition of Blasé Scarnati, and the John and Kathryn Conway Scholarship.
- \$20,000 from Ramona and Glenn Nelson for the establishment of the Kurt Martin Nelson Endowed Scholarship, in memory of their son.
- \$10,000 from Gary Sphar for the Sphar Family Soccer Scholarship
- \$10,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Friedrich Teroerde for the Storm Harbor Equestrian Center Scholarship Fund.
- Pledges include a grant for \$150,000 from the Howard Heinz Endowment for the Regional Learning Alliance and \$50,000 from Mrs. Mary Hulton Phillips for the SRU Jazz Band's trip to Europe next summer.

As of October 31, 2005, The Campaign for Slippery Rock University gifts and pledges total \$20.1 million, representing 61% of the \$33 million Campaign goal. Gifts received since October 31 totals \$402,477.79. The System Accountability Performance indicators for University Advancement are total charitable giving total less the top three gifts is \$267,577.79; and the value of the endowment is \$16,436.681.17, a 9% increase over last year. The charitable endowment represents the combined totals of the Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc. and Alumni Association endowments.

Student Life Committee

Dr. Robert Waston, Vice President for Student Life, provided the report of the Student Life Committee.

Council was informed of the continued plans of the Student Housing Project. The project continues very successfully at a pace ahead of schedule, with buildings A & B scheduled for completion in August '06 (600 beds). Building C will most likely be completed one semester ahead of schedule (300 beds). In a few months, Building A will have a model suite available for viewing.

The University Athletic Council, which includes student and faculty representation, has been very involved with various constituencies in gathering data for a formal report regarding sports sponsorship and the future SRU athletic program. President Smith and Dr. Watson will be meeting with all Tier II & III coaches and students in the next several weeks.

The intramurals facility renovation project is proceeding and the University is jointly working with Butler County representatives in applying for grant monies to support the facilities program.

The Student Union Task Force, a group primarily composed of students, has made several campus visits to review distinguishing features of unions, and is coordinating involvement with WTW Architects and all student organizations regarding the formal feasibility study and the official student referendum. The decision to renovate or expand the existing site or build a new student union on a new site will be decided through student vote December 6, 7, and 8, 2005. Several task forces were formed to study the possibility of constructing a multi-use University Union facility. Ms. Waugaman along with 20 other student leaders on campus conducted weekly meetings and held open forums on campus. A comprehensive survey was provided to the students, with 1500 students participating. In addition, a new web page on the SRU website was established to provide details of the proposed project.

Dr. Watson ended his report by publicly recognizing the outstanding achievements of twelve of our student athletes in their respective sport, and recognition to Mr. Matt Thompson, men's soccer coach, named PSAC "Coach of the Year." A complete report of the Fall 2005 sports results was distributed to the Council.

Finance & Audit Committee

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

Items reviewed for Council action included: Contracts, Fixed Assets, Service and Supply Purchase Orders. Construction project listing was reviewed. Personnel appointments, resignations and retirements were reviewed. Internal auditor discussed audits from last quarter and the upcoming NCAA EADA audit.

The institution has completed the Storm Harbor Equestrian Center and is in the process of continuing other projects:

- Science and Technology building – Completion spring 2006.
- Vincent Science Building renovation design started – estimated completion spring 2007.

- McKeever Environmental Center sprinklers – estimated completion winter 2005.

Various Human Resources/Diversity training and development activities have occurred with participants totaling 133. Hired two full-time professional managers in the fall of 2005. Continue to reallocate funding totaling 1.2 million.

Dr. Peterson completed his report with the announcement of the upcoming Pennsylvania Association of Council of Trustees (PACT) Conference hosted by Slippery Rock University April 26 – 28, 2006. The local planning committee met with the PACT Executive Board and is finalizing plans for the conference. The campus is looking wonderful and we are excited and honored to host this conference. Highlights include an opportunity for guests to see the newly completed Storm Harbor Equestrian Center and visit the Regional Learning Alliance facility in Cranberry.

Academic Affairs Committee

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

During the Fall Semester of 2005, Slippery Rock University had three significant accreditation events:

- An accrediting team from the National Association of Schools of Theatre visited the Theatre Department November 16-18 and will submit a report in the Spring.
- An accrediting team from the National Council on Social Work Education visited the Anthropology, Sociology and Social Work Department October 5-7 to review the Social Work program.
- To move toward accreditation the School of Business submitted a final draft of its plan to the American Association of Schools and Colleges of Business on December 1.

For the Fall Semester of 2006 applications from students seeking admission to Slippery Rock University are well above last year's level.

- First-year student applications are at 1811 compared to 1316 for last year at this time.
- Transfer student applications are at 92 compared to 51 for last year at this time.
- African-American student applications are at 61 compared to 40 for last year at this time.
- Latino-American student applications are at 15 versus 11 for last year at this time.
- Out-of-state student applications are at 263 compared to 126 for last year at this time.

The increase in the number of applications for next year is attributable to the excitement being generated by the new student housing project and to our out-of-state tuition policy change that took effect last year. Applications reflect significant increase in interest in Exercise Science, Biology, Chemistry, Communications, Elementary Education, and Special Education.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FY 2004-2005 Fire Department Contributions (TAB 2)

Dr. Peterson moved, seconded by Mr. Blair that the FY 2004-2005 Fire Department Contributions be approved as submitted *with an increase from \$565 to \$1000* in the donation split between the Sandy Lake Volunteer and Stoneboro Volunteer Fire Departments. Motion carried unanimously (Appendix B)

Contracts (TAB 3)

Mr. Ken Blair moved, seconded by Ms. Waugaman that the Contracts be approved as submitted. Motion carried with one abstention. (Appendix C)

Fixed Assets (TAB 4)

Ms. Vessella moved, seconded by Ms. Waugaman that the Fixed Assets be approved as submitted. Motion carried with one abstention. (Appendix D)

Service and Supply Purchase Orders (TAB 5)

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

Resolution – Regarding Political Campaign Contributions (TAB 6)

Mr. Blair moved, seconded by Ms. Vessella that the Resolution Regarding Political Campaign Contributions be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix F)

Resolution – Honoring the Service of Dr. Arlene Quinlan (TAB 7)

Resolution – Snyder Charitable Foundation Lobby (TAB 7)

Mr. Blair moved, seconded by Ms. Vessella that the Resolution Honoring the Service of Dr. Arlene Quinlan and the Resolution – Snyder Charitable Foundation Lobby (naming the lobby of the new Science and Technology Building) be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix G)

INFORMATION ITEMS

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date of the Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees is scheduled for Friday, March 24, 2006.

Instructional Appointments Effective the First Semester, 2005-2006

Instructional Appointment Effective the Second Semester, 2005-2006

Grant-Funded Program Coordinator Appointments

Non-Faculty Athletic Coach Appointments

Support Staff Appointments

Retirement of Faculty

Resignation of Faculty

Resignation of Operational Leadership/Professionals

Resignation of State University Administrator

Resignation of Non-Faculty Athletic Coaches

Resignation of Support Staff

Tenure Effective Spring Semester 2005 – 2006

Sabbatical Leaves 2006-2007

Adjunct Faculty 2005-2006

Quarterly Internal Audit Report

Facilities and Planning – Construction Projects

Quarterly Division Reports

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Dr. Murray welcomed new Trustee, Ms. Grace Hawkins and welcomed back to the Council as a Trustee, Mr. Nick DeRosa.

Mr. Blair acknowledged Dr. Murray's wonderful work as Chair of the Council and welcomed the new Trustees. He also extended his sympathy to Dr. Watson on the passing of his father, Mr. John Watson. He also extended thanks to President Smith for the wonderful event last night, "An Evening with Marvin Hamlich."

Ms. Waugaman welcomed Ms. Hawkins and Mr. DeRosa and informed them that they will find this is an exciting time to be at Slippery Rock University.

Mr. DeRosa thanked the Council for the warm welcome and told Council it is great to be back.

Dr. Peterson commented on the inspirational meetings and the very good work of the Council. Everyone feels comfortable and confident in sharing his or her thoughts and this makes for wonderful collaboration.

Mr. Taylor extended sympathy to Dr. Watson on the recent passing of his father and to Dr. Curry on the recent passing of his father. He appreciates the work of everyone on the Council and the work of the administration. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Ms. Hawkins thanked the Council for the warm welcome and looks forward to working with the group for the good of Slippery Rock University.

President Smith extended appreciation for the high level of activity and support our Trustees give to the institution.

With no further business, the Friday, December 2, 2005 Council of Trustees meeting at Slippery Rock University adjourned at 2:40 p.m. Mr. Blair moved, seconded by Ms. Hawkins to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.