

SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

April 4, 2008

The regular meeting of the Council of Trustees of Slippery Rock University was held in Conference Room 304 of Old Main on Friday, April 4, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Ms. Suzanne Vessella, chairperson.

Attendance

Trustees present: Ms. Grace Hawkins, Mr. Scott McCaskey, Dr. Dennis Murray, Mr. Robert Taylor, Dr. John Hicks, Mr. Joshua Young, Ms. Suzanne Vessella, Mr. Nicholas DeRosa, Mr. John Thornburgh.

Trustees absent: Dr. Robert Marcus and Mr. Richard Christofer

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Murray moved, seconded by Dr. Hicks that the minutes of the December 14, 2007 meeting be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Ms. Rachel DeWolf and Mr. Dan Cannon, representatives from a student initiative called the Green Fund provided to Council an overview of the group's objectives. Currently, the group has established a foundation account for campus and community initiatives with a portion of the funds designated for research grants and scholarships. The group plans to initiate a student referendum vote for the purpose of establishing a student fee of \$5 per semester. The money generated would be used toward sustainably-progressive programs, such as upgrades, educational programs and events, research grants, and scholarships.

Mr. Robert Taylor urged the students to visit the Regional Learning Alliance in Cranberry, PA. This facility is a state-of-the-art green building in Western, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Larry Brink, president, Student Government Association presented a report of SGA activities since the December Council meeting. Larry indicated there were several projects completed by SGA this past semester including the daunting task of rewriting the constitution and by-laws. This was an extensive project, but important to complete. Also created was a 16-page document to implement new rules in the budgeting process to ensure that budgeting is a student-run process.

The student union referendum brought an overwhelming response from our student body to construct a new union. SGA endorsed the building of the new union and we're excited the Board of Governors responded by approving the request and moving the project forward.

SGA has commissioned adding a second happy bus for next year that will focus on student resident areas off-campus. SGA continues to urge students on campus to walk to classes. With the addition of a shuttle and more refined pick-up/drop-off schedules, we hope to better serve students and alleviate the apparent concern from some about parking on campus. The group also assisted the Green Fund students with preparing a student referendum for the Green Fund initiative.

The SGA Student Pavilion is being constructed and we are hopeful that construction will be completed very soon in order for students to enjoy the structure before they leave for the semester.

Larry Brink introduced his SGA Executive Board: Carol Watters, vice president for Student Life, Erin Berger, vice president for Financial Affairs, T.J. Harlan, vice president for administrative affairs, and Tyson Johnston, vice president for Public Relations. The executive board continues to set and meet goals that make SGA more accountable and more extensive on campus.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

(Appendix A)

President Smith distributed the Report of the President to the Council and provided comments.

Recognition of Mr. Scott McCaskey

Following Dr. Smith's report, he presented to Scott McCaskey, student trustee, a certificate of appreciation and a token of our appreciation from the administration and Council in recognition for his outstanding service as an advocate for students and as a dedicated member of the Council. His presence on the Council will be missed. Scott will graduate on May 10. We wish him much success in his future endeavors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

University Advancement Committee

Mr. Robert Taylor, Esq., committee chair for University Advancement, provided the following report to Council.

The Division of University Advancement is pleased to report that gifts received since the last Council of Trustees meeting include the following:

- \$50,000 from Drs. Paul and Carolyn Rizza for the Storm Harbor Equestrian Center, and to increase the endowment value of the Paul F. Rizza Scholarship and the Greasley Scholarship.
- \$30,000 from Jeanne R. Furrrie '45 for the Russell Wright Alumni House Expansion
- \$11,457 from Dr. Edwin Hasson to establish the Dr. Edwin and Agnes Hasson Scholarship
- \$11,000 in-kind gift of athletic footwear from Richard A. Porter '83 for the SRU Football Program
- \$10,000 from the Run for Roch Program to increase the endowment value of the Roch Furguiele Athletic Scholarship
- \$6,000 from Dr. Susan Tritt '72 to increase the endowment value of the Dr. Thomas W. Gaither Scholarship
- \$5,306 from John and Kathryn Conway for the Performing Arts Center
- \$5,100 from Therese Phillips '52 to increase the endowment value of the Don and Terry Phillips Scholarship
- \$5,000 from Louis J. Heitlinger to increase the endowment value of the Computer Science Department Scholarships
- \$5,000 from McKissock LP to establish the Richard McKissock Scholarship
- \$5,000 from Elinor Ruth Jeffrey '79 to increase the endowment value of the Elinor Jeffrey Scholarship
- \$5,000 from an anonymous donor for the Sisters Healthcare History Project

As of December 31, 2007, The Campaign for Slippery Rock University gifts and pledges totaled \$28,149,524 representing 85.3% of the \$33 million Campaign goal. Gifts received for Fiscal year 2007-2008 as of December 31, 2007 totaled \$1,222,057. 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 December 31, 2007, the annual charitable giving total less the top three gifts was \$1,003,728; and the value of the endowment as of December 31, 2007 was \$21,433,302 million. The endowment represents the combined totals of the Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc. and Slippery Rock University Alumni Association endowments.

Assets of the Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc. (including traditional operations and the Residential Suites) totaled \$173,302,191 million as of December 31, 2007. Assets for traditional operations totaled \$28,381,277 million and the asset value of the Residential Suites (Phase I and II) totaled \$144,920,914 million.

Theresa Taylor and Bryan Warner joined the Advancement Division as major gift officers on March 3, 2008. They bring to the Division professional maturity and fundraising experience. Advancement also welcomed back Assistant Director Amy Bersett and Director of Advancement Services Kelli McKee. Amy and Kelli returned after maternity leave.

Slippery Rock University representatives, Bob and Ramona Smith, Barbara Ender, Ruth Purcell, and Mike Saraka recently returned from a successful trip to Florida.

University activities in Florida included visits with donors and prospects, a President's Advisory Committee meeting, and alumni receptions in Orlando, Tampa, and Fort Lauderdale. The President's Advisory Committee is one of the most impressive groups of SRU alumni you can get in the same room together.

Phase II of the Residential Suites Project is proceeding on schedule and under budget. As of December 31, 2007, the project, that is replacing 746 beds in two buildings, is 76 percent complete. Occupancy is scheduled for August 1, 2008. The total project (Phase I and Phase II) provides for 2,136 replacement beds within six buildings. The occupancy rate for the residence suites since opening (fiscal years 2006-2007 and 2007-2008) is 98.4 percent.

On April 24, we are hosting in Philadelphia at the Union League an alumni event to recognize SRU alumni in the southeast portion of Pennsylvania.

Sponsorships are being sought for the President's Scholarship Gala on May 17, 2008 at the Marriott North at Cranberry Woods. To date \$21,500 has been raised in sponsorships with several asks pending. I would encourage my Trustee colleagues to attend this grand event.

President Robert and Ramona Smith will host a Celebration of Scholarships luncheon tomorrow in the University Club of North Hall. The luncheon will honor named scholarship donors with an effort made to seat student scholarship recipients with their scholarship donors.

Student Life Committee

Dr. Constance Foley, vice president for Student Life, provided the report of the Student Life committee in the absence of Mr. John Thornburgh, chair.

The Division of Student Life was actively involved in facilitating programs and services for the spring semester to support ongoing programs and services to all students at SRU, provide a safe and healthy environment, and continue the leadership development of all students. The highlights of these activities include:

- Contracts were awarded for the Boozel renovation project, which is scheduled to begin after the close of the spring semester.
- Work continues on the submission of the Student Union project for the April Board of Governors' meeting. Coordination meetings were held with future constituents of a new Student Union to provide input regarding the programming needs and requirements for a new facility.
- The SGA received a \$5,000 grant from Pittsburgh 250 for a Green and Growing Initiative. This will augment the tree planting initiative shared between SGA and the University. IT will also go to the Green bike Initiative

on Campus. Both parts of the grant support the environment and use of limited natural resources.

- SRU/SGA Pre-School and Childcare Center received an additional allocation from PreK counts in January for an additional five students to participate in early learning. This grant was for approximately \$16,000 and allows us to offer additional student work and learning opportunities in the center. This program is a state-wide initiative involving many collaborations and partnerships but directly impacts the community and educational early learning opportunities. We have also met and collaborated with the Slippery Rock Elementary School to continue our transition of preschool to kindergarten planning.
- The Counseling Center has been busy completing their Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS) self-study in preparation for their Five-Year Review. The review will culminate in an external review, scheduled for April 14, 2008.
- The Women's Center and Athletics department collaborated on the first National Girls and Women in Sports Day held at SRU. Coaches and women student-athletes held a sports clinic for young girls. Women student-athletes were recognized during halftime of a women's basketball game with a reception to further honor the athletes held following the game.
- A decision was made to allow swimming and water polo to participate in one additional full season of their respective sports. Water polo will conclude after their spring 2008 season and swimming will conclude after their 2009 season. A meeting to communicate this decision was held with coaches, teams, etc. on February 8, 2008.
- The King Day of Service Committee sponsored the fifth annual King Day of Service with over 300 campus community volunteers participating in the activities of the day.
- SRU student-athletes performed well in the classroom during the fall 2007 semester with 138 attaining Director of Athletics Honor Roll status: 46 student-athletes attained a 4.0 QPA, 47 attained a 3.75-3.99 QPA, and 45 attained a 3.5-3.74 QPA.
- On February 19, 2008, during SRU's Professional Development Day, Dr. Susan Komives presented a session to Student Life staff on "Student Leadership Theory and Practice." Dr. Komives is an Associate Professor at the University of Maryland-College Park and is a Learning Reconsidered contributing author.
- The annual Student Leadership International Trip took 16 students to Rome during spring break as part of the leadership development program. Three staff members accompanied the students on their travel which took them to many interesting and educational places of interest, including John Cabot University. SRU students had an opportunity to visit and talk with John Cabot student leaders and staff as part of their leadership experiences.

Finance & Audit Committee

Mr. Joshua Young, chairperson for the Finance and Audit Committee shared the following report based on information 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, Resolution – Compliance with BOG Policy 1985-04-A, Resolution – Guaranteed Energy Savings Act (GESA), and the 2008-2009 Capital Budget Request. Information items include: the Quarterly Internal Audit Report, the Quarterly Report FY 2007-2008, the Facilities and Planning Active Project List, Annual Inspection of Facilities Draft, and the Financial Statements & Independent Auditors Report. .

Three capital project requests are upcoming totaling \$77.8M. They are in priority order the Performing Arts Center, McKay renovations, and Bailey Library renovations.

“We have reviewed the budget, and I would like to acknowledge Dr. Curry for his exceptional work. He is one of the best financial people in the state system, and I commend him for his efforts.”

Academic Affairs Committee

Dr. William F. Williams, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs provided the following report on behalf of Dr. Robert Marcus, Chairperson for the Academic Affairs Committee.

Slippery Rock University is adding a new program. The Department of Exercise and Rehabilitative Science has proposed a Master of Science degree program in Adaptive Physical Activity. The program will help meet a critical shortage by preparing qualified professionals who can address the physical activity needs of individuals with disabilities in today's society. The program will go to the Board of Governors next week for final approval.

At the same time, the Adapted Physical Activity Program (minor) has been awarded the Adapted Physical Activity Outstanding Program of the Year for 2008 from the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance's Adapted Physical Activity Council. The award will be presented April 10 at AAHPERD's national convention. Dr. Robert Arnhold, the program coordinator, is to be complimented for this achievement.

For the Fall semester of 2008 applications from students seeking admission to Slippery Rock University are well above last year's level.

- First year student applications are at 5562 compared to 4460 last year at this time.
- Transfer student applications are at 768 compared to 623 last year at this time.
- First year student deposits are at 1556 compared to 1330 last year at this time.

- Transfer student deposits are at 375 versus 275 last year at this time.
- Out-of-state student applications are at 951 compared to 726 last year at this time.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Resolution – Compliance with Board of Governors Policy 1985-04-A (TAB 2)

Dr. Hicks moved, seconded by Mr. McCaskey the Resolution – Compliance with Board of Governors Policy 1985-04-A be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix B)

Contracts (TAB 3)

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

Fixed Assets (TAB 4)

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

Service and Supply Purchase Orders (TAB 5)

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

Resolutions (2) – Parking Violation Increases (TAB 6)

Mr. Young moved, seconded by Mr. McCaskey to establish a fee of \$25 for the replacement of a lost or damaged parking permit and the procedures to monitor the proper use of parking permits on campus. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix F)

Dr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. McCaskey to approve the increase of ticket violations from \$15.00 to \$30.00 per violation; and the increase for not having a parking permit from \$15.00 to \$50.00 per violation. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix F)

(Mr. Taylor recommended that the administration look at assisting SGA w/funding of a second shuttle from the generated revenue).

Resolution – Guaranteed Energy Savings Act (GESA) (TAB 7)

Ms. Hawkins moved, seconded by Dr. Hicks that the Resolution – Guaranteed Energy Savings Act be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix G)

2008-2009 Capital Budget Request (TAB 8)

Mr. Young moved, seconded by Mr. McCaskey that the 2008-2009 Capital Budget Request be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix H)

Resolution – Sculpture Studio (Art Building I) (TAB 9)

Mr. McCaskey moved, seconded by Ms. Hawkins that the Resolution – Sculpture Studio (Art Building I) be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix I)

Residence Hall Fees (TAB 10)

Dr. Murray moved, seconded by Ms. Hawkins that the residence hall fees be approved as submitted. A roll call vote was taken – 7 yes, 1 no, 0 abstentions, motion passes. (Appendix J)

Dining Services Fee Structure (TAB 11)

Dr. Hicks moved, seconded by Dr. Murray that the Dining Services Fee Structure be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix K)

Degree Proposal – Master of Science in Adapted Physical Activity (TAB 11A)

Mr. Young moved, seconded by Mr. DeRosa that the degree proposal/Master of Science in Adapted Physical Activity be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix L)

Recognition of Wilma J. Cavll (TAB 12)

A Resolution Honoring the Service of Wilma J. Cavill was presented. (Appendix M)

INFORMATION ITEMS

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date of the Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees is scheduled for Friday, June 6, 2008

Substitute Appointments

Instructional Appointments Effective the Second Semester, 2007-2008

Instructional Appointments Effective the First Semester, 2008-2009

Operational Leadership/Professional Appointments

Tactical Leadership/Senior Professional Appointments

Non-Faculty Athletic Coach Appointments

Strategic Leadership Appointment

State University Administrator Appointments

Grant-Funded Program Coordinator Appointments

Non-Faculty Athletic Coach Appointments

Support Staff Appointments

Retirements

Resignations

Dismissal of Support Staff

Professor Emeritus Status

Tuition Waiver for New International Students – 0108

Quarterly Internal Audit Report

Quarterly Report FY 2007-2008 (Budget vs. Actual)

Annual Inspection of Facilities Draft

Facilities and Planning Active Project List

Quarterly Division Reports

Financial Statements & Independent Auditors Report

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Scott McCaskey – It's been a pleasure and a phenomenal experience serving Slippery Rock University as a Student Trustee. Thank you all for your support and invaluable advice and counsel – I will miss you.

Dennis Murray – Congratulations Scott, and best wishes in your pursuits. I am proud to be an alumnus and I enjoy our meetings as we listen to all of the wonderful things happening under President Smith's leadership.

John Hicks – I also congratulate Scott and wish him well in the future. We have accomplished great things here and there are more great things in store for the future.

Josh Young – I wish Scott well and echo the sentiments of Dr. Murray and Dr. Hicks. I remember fondly my years as a student trustee, and I am happy to be back on Council to serve the university.

Grace Hawkins – I am very happy to be here today. Scott, we will miss you and I know you will have great success as an educator. Your presence on the Council will be missed.

Robert Taylor – I also want to congratulate Scott as a soon-to-be fellow alumnus and also for being an instrumental voice for the students of this university. Your insight was invaluable at our deliberations and we will miss your presence on this board. You have a very bright future ahead of you and I wish you the best.

President Smith – I'd like to extend thanks to our Council for your continued support and service to Slippery Rock University. Scott, we will miss you. You've been an amazing voice for our students. Thank you for your service to SRU – our students will reap the benefits of your hard work for many years.

Suzanne Vessella – I have also been so very impressed with Scott McCaskey's dedication and service to this Council. You will be sorely missed, Scott, and I wish you all the best as you begin the next chapter of your life.

With no further business, the Friday, April 4, 2008 Council of Trustees meeting at Slippery Rock University adjourned at 2:35 p.m. Dr. Murray moved; Dr. Hicks seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.