

MEETING 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 in Conference Room 304 of Old Main, Friday, February 12, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m. by Mr. Robert S. Taylor, Esq., chairperson.

Recording of Attendance

Trustees present: Dr. John Hicks, Ms. Suzanne Vessella, Ms. Jessica Cosme, Mr. Joshua Young, Mr. Eric Holmes, Mr. Robert Taylor

Trustees absent: Mr. John Thornburgh, Ms. Grace Hawkins, Mr. Nick DeRosa, Dr. Robert Marcus and Dr. Dennis Murray

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Ms. Cosme moved, seconded by Mr. Young approval of the February 12, 2010 meeting agenda as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix A)

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Hicks moved, seconded by Dr. Murray that the meeting minutes of December 4, 2009 be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (TAB 1)

Public Comments

Chairman Taylor asked the audience to keep Grace Hawkins and her husband Charles in our thoughts as Charles has recently undergone surgery.

Presentations

Mr. Eric Holmes, chair of the University Advancement Committee introduced presenters of Raiser's Edge Software. Raiser's Edge is the most widely used fundraising software in the industry.

Barbara Ender, vice president for University Advancement

Kelli McKee, director of Advancement Services

Bob Petrick, Constituent Services and Database Assurance Manager

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Audit Committee

Mr. Young, chairman provided a report of the Finance and Audit Committee. The Finance and Audit Committee met earlier this morning in Conference Room 304 to discuss items for Council Action.

The following action items were recommended for approval: Contracts, Fixed Assets, Service and Supply Purchase Orders, and the Capital Budget Plan.

Items reviewed as information included the Facilities and Planning Active Project List and Personnel Items.

Pennsylvania Association of Council of Trustees (PACT)

Dr. John Hicks shared highlights from the recent PACT Executive Board Meeting held Wednesday, February 3, 2010. Dr. Hicks serves as the Slippery Rock University trustee representative and serves on the executive board of PACT.

The next PACT Conference will be held at East Stroudsburg University on Wednesday and Thursday, April 21 & 22, 2010. Plans may include a Friday stay to allow attendees to enjoy the Pocono attractions, at the same low conference rate. 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.

We were appreciative for the time that Chancellor Cavanaugh spent with us at this meeting. My impressions are that the Chancellor would like to see Trustees attend these conferences in greater numbers and to be more involved with and pro-active for their universities.

SAVE THE DATE

East Stroudsburg University will host the next PACT Conference scheduled for April 21-22, 2010.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Contracts (TAB 2)

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

*Ms. Vessella abstained from voting on this item.

Fixed Assets (TAB 3)

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

Service and Supply Purchase Orders (TAB 4)

Mr. Young moved, seconded by Ms. Vessella that the Service and Supply Purchase Orders be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix D)

Resolution – Recommended Action – Formal Evaluation of Robert M. Smith (TAB 5)

Ms. Vessella moved, seconded by Dr. Hicks that the Resolution to approve the formal evaluation of President Robert M. Smith be approved as submitted. The Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees unanimously approves the extension of President Robert M. Smith's contract for the term allowed under Board of Governor's policy.

Capital Budget Plan (TAB 6)

Dr. Hicks moved, seconded by Mr. Holmes that the Capital Budget Plan be approved as submitted. Motion carried with one opposed. (Appendix E)

INFORMATION ITEMS (TAB #7)Next Meeting Date

**Upcoming Dates for 2010: April 15 & 16, 2010
June 3 & 4, 2010**

Quarterly Budget ReportFacilities and Planning Active Project ListPersonnel ItemsInstructional Appointment Effective the First Semester 2009-2010Instructional Appointments Effective the Second Semester 2009-2010Operational Leadership/Professional AppointmentSupport Staff AppointmentsRetirements

ResignationsDismissal**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Joshua Young – The Presidential Evaluation has been a monumental undertaking and thank you for participating. A twelve-hour marathon interview session with the constituent groups was completed. I believe we were able to pull in a number of people who gave us a broad perspective. It was both helpful and important to have the opportunity to step back and reflect on the successes we have experienced under Dr. Smith’s leadership. When I came here in 2000, the direction of this University has gone 180 degrees from where it was. Thank you to Council. As I’ve said many times, “we are very fortunate to have Dr. Smith here with us.” “Everybody had glowing remarks for you, Dr. Smith, and it is a strong testament to what you do here.” Thank you and Congratulations.

Eric Holmes - For me, the opportunity to have been the Alumni Association representative as part of the Presidential search process when you were a candidate for this position, and ultimately selected as President, to serving as Trustee and being part of the evaluation process, we made the right choice to appoint you as President. We heard so many positive things from constituents both on and off campus. My interaction with people in Pittsburgh echoes what we heard (from constituents) during this process – such positive remarks about President Smith and Slippery Rock University. Congratulations.

John Hicks – All is well at Slippery Rock University as I reflect on my 37 years at Slippery Rock University. Thank you, President Smith, for your leadership.

Jessica Cosme – I think it’s important on a personal note, but also as a student and Trustee, to emphasize how proud I am of this University, the leadership of the institution, and this Council. I don’t think we say thank you enough – thanks for all that you do – I am very proud to be part of Slippery Rock University.


Suzanne Vessella – First of all, President Smith, I KNOW we made the right choice! This formal evaluation did not have to be completed to realize that. I also want to thank my Council members – you made this an informed, important, and serious undertaking. Thank you, Bob, and Congratulations.

Bob Taylor – Congratulations President Smith, and thank you for everything. Slippery Rock University is a very special place, and I am happy to be part of it.

Bob Smith - To Council – you are very generous and we are not without areas of improvement, and we are not without challenges going forward. We are fortunate to be given a strong foundation of support that the administration feels from this Council that is much, much appreciated, and to the personal aspects, thank you. This really is not about me; it’s about the people in this room and many others who are not in this room. We are very fortunate to have gathered here some incredibly committed people, which make it possible to experience the kind

of feelings that you have voiced here today. Thank you very much for your examination, for your support, and for your ideas to help us move forward and make this an even better place.

With no further business, the Friday, February 12, 2010 Council of Trustees meeting at Slippery Rock University adjourned at 12:15 p.m. Ms. Cosme moved; Mr. Young seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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