

**COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 28, 2008**

The Bloomsburg University Council of Trustees met in the Assembly Room of Monty's at 10:00 a.m. Those in attendance:

**Council of Trustees**

Mr. Steven Barth, Vice Chair  
Mr. James D'Amico  
Mr. LaRoy Davis  
Mr. Charles Housenick  
Mr. A. William Kelly  
Mr. David Klingerman  
Ms. Marie Conley Lammando  
Dr. Joseph Mowad

**Excused**

Ms. Ramona Alley  
Dr. Robert Dampman  
Mr. Robert Gible

**University Personnel**

Dr. David Soltz, President  
Dr. James Mackin, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Preston Herring, Vice President for University and Student Affairs  
Dr. Richard Rugen, Vice President for Administration and Finance  
Ms. Brenda Cromley, Executive Assistant to the President  
Ms. Jennifer Kluck, Administrative Assistant, President's Office

**Council of Trustees Advisors**

Ms. Veronica Breisch, President, Bloomsburg Chapter of AFSCME  
Dr. Stephen Kokoska, President, Bloomsburg Chapter of APSCUF  
Ms. Gretchen Osterman, Bloomsburg Chapter of SCUPA  
Mr. David Stover, University Legal Counsel

Excused: Mr. Greg Cechak, President, CGA

In the absence of Mr. Cechak, Trustee D'Amico introduced Ms. Gia Adornetto, the incoming CGA President.

### **Call to Order**

Mr. Steven Barth, Vice Chair of the Council of Trustees, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance. He reported the Council of Trustees met earlier in Executive Session to discuss land issues.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

In accord with House Resolution Number 32, Trustee Barth requested that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Minutes of the Council of Trustees**

A motion was made by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Mowad, and unanimously carried that the November 28, 2007 minutes be approved.

#### **Trustee Resolution honoring Mr. James F. D'Amico**

A motion was made by Trustee Housenick to approve the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, James F. D'Amico served as a student member of the Bloomsburg University Council of Trustees for the 2007-2008 academic year, and

**WHEREAS**, he has served responsibly and with integrity on various committees representing Bloomsburg University, and

**WHEREAS**, more importantly, he has been a positive role model for all other students,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University expresses its gratitude and appreciation for his dedicated service to Bloomsburg University.

Second by Trustee Mowad. Unanimous approval.

Trustees Conley Lammando, Barth, and Davis all personally thanked Jim for his service.

### **PRESIDENT**

#### **President's Report**

President Soltz reviewed his President's Report with the Trustees. A copy of the report will be appended to the minutes. Dr. Soltz also recognized and thanked Dr. James Matta, Assistant Vice President and Director of Graduate Studies, who will be retiring in May.

## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Trustee Barth called upon Trustee Mowad to lead discussion on the Academic Affairs section of the agenda.

### **Professional Accreditation**

Trustee Mowad called upon Dr. James Mackin to lead the discussion item: Professional Accreditation. Dr. Mackin made appropriate remarks.

## **UNIVERSITY & STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Trustee Barth recognized Trustee Conley Lammando to discuss the University and Student Affairs section of the agenda.

### **Room and Board Fees and Health Center Fees**

Trustee Conley Lammando made a motion that the 4.45% room and board fee increase be approved. Seconded by Trustee Davis. Unanimous approval

Trustee Conley Lammando made a motion that the \$62 per semester health center fee be approved. Seconded by Trustee Klingerman. Unanimous approval.

## **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

Trustee Barth recognized Trustee Davis to lead discussion of the General Administration section of the agenda.

### **Approval of Purchasing Activity**

Trustee Davis made a motion, seconded by Trustee Conley Lammando and unanimously carried, to approve purchasing activity under Act 188 in excess of \$10,000 for November 3, 2007 to February 4, 2008.

### **Delinquent Student Accounts**

Trustee Mowad made a motion to write off delinquent student accounts as presented by Vice President Richard Rugen, seconded by Trustee Klingerman. Unanimous approval.

### **Proposed Fee Schedule 2008-2009**

Vice President Rugen reviewed the information presented to the Trustees. Trustee Davis made a motion to accept the fee schedule for 2008-2009, seconded by Trustee D'Amico. Unanimous approval.

**Capital Project Request**

Eric Milner, Assistant Vice President for Administration, reviewed the capital project requests and recommended prioritization for funding/authorization for 2008-2009 to 2012-2013.

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Anticipated funding</u>
1. Sutliff Hall Addition	2009-2010
2. Waller Renovation	not in 5 year program
3. McCormick Renovation	not in 5 year program

Trustee Davis made a motion to approve the capital project requests as presented, Seconded by Trustee Housenick. Unanimous approval.

**BU Foundation**

Maryann Lindberg, Executive Director of the Bloomsburg University Foundation presented the 2006-2007 comparative giving highlights with PASSHE schools and peer institutions.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Nominating Committee 2008-2009**

Trustee Barth announced a nominating committee must be appointed who, at the June quarterly meeting, will present a slate of officers for the Council of Trustees for the 2008-2010 fiscal years.

Trustee Alley will chair this committee and Trustees Davis and Kelly will serve on the committee.

**Adjournment**

With no other items to be presented to the Council, Trustee Barth adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

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Marie Conley Lammando  
Secretary

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Jennifer D. Kluck  
Administrative Assistant

BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE  
BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES**

**February 27, 2008**

Since the Council of Trustees last met, we had a successful graduate and undergraduate commencement in December. Today I want to highlight some recent academic and student/faculty-related items, achievements and recognitions for Bloomsburg University.

- We have just signed an exchange agreement with the EHSAL European University College of Brussels, Belgium. This agreement will provide our College of Business students with a “one for one” exchange with their students. We are also looking at possible faculty exchanges too.
- Bloomsburg's new Master of Science in clinical athletic training degree program will offer its first classes this summer. Bloomsburg's program is the only one of its type in the state of Pennsylvania. It is designed for students with undergraduate degrees in related fields, such as allied health sciences and psychology as well as exercise science. The program has six undergraduate course prerequisites, many of which will already be met by students with degrees in exercise science or allied health sciences. In addition to earning a master's degree, graduates will be eligible to obtain credentials as a certified athletic trainer.
- Later this spring, we will convert one of our shuttle buses to run on biofuel, which will include recycled cooking oil from campus dining services. The project leaders are Dr. Nathaniel Greene from physics and Dr. Mark Tapsak from chemistry.

- Bloomsburg University will compete with colleges across the country to be a leader in recycling and reducing trash. "Recyclemania" started at the University in late January and will run for 10 weeks. Campuses across the country compete to see which institution can collect the largest amount of recyclables per capita, the largest amount of total recyclables, the least amount of trash per capita, and the highest recycling rate. The goal is to increase student awareness of campus recycling and how to minimize waste.
- 15 BU students are serving as Scholars in Service to Pennsylvania by committing to 450 hours of community service. Our SOLVE office helps coordinate this AmericaCorp program and provides training for the students. This program started in 2004 and we have gradually seen an increase in student participation. Students help at local organizations during the academic year, such as Camp Victory, the UMCA and the Women's Center.
- 80 student-athletes were named as Scholar-Athletes at the University at a luncheon held last week on campus. Student-athletes who attain a grade point average of 3.25 or higher during the past two semesters, or have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.25, qualify for this recognition.
- A new comptroller has been hired for CGA as a result of the recent retirement of its former comptroller. Mr. Neil D'Amato started in his position last month.
- Finally, I'm pleased to inform the Trustees of the most recent individual to achieve Faculty Emeritus status; Ms. Janice Walters from the Department of Developmental Instruction.

**COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 3, 2008**

The Bloomsburg University Council of Trustees met in the Multipurpose A conference room of the Kehr Union. Those in attendance:

**Council of Trustees**

Mr. Steven Barth, Chair  
Dr. Robert Dampman, Vice Chair  
Mrs. Ramona Alley  
Mr. LaRoy Davis  
Mr. Charles Housenick  
Mr. A. William Kelly  
Mr. David Klingerman  
Dr. Joseph Mowad  
Ms. Nicole Najpauer

**Excused**

Mr. Robert Gibble  
Ms. Marie Conley Lammando

**University Personnel**

Dr. David Soltz, President  
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Ms. Veronica Breisch, President, Bloomsburg Chapter of AFSCME  
Dr. Stephen Kokoska, President, Bloomsburg Chapter of APSCUF  
Ms. Gretchen Osterman, Bloomsburg Chapter of SCUPA – not present  
Mr. David Stover, University Legal Counsel  
Ms. Gia Adornetto, President, CGA

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

In accord with House Resolution Number 32, Trustee Barth requested that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

### **Call to Order**

Mr. Steven Barth, Chair of the Council of Trustees, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance. He reported the Council of Trustees met earlier in Executive Session to discuss the presidential evaluation.

### **Introductions**

Mr. Barth recognized special guests in the audience. He introduced Ms. Nicole Najpauer, new student trustee, Dr. Larry Fritz, new Assistant Vice President and Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, and Ms. Rosalee Rush, new Director of Communications.

He also introduced those in the audience who were either nominated or granted Emeritus status: Dr. Charles Hoppel, Dr. Janice Keil, Mr. Glenn Bieber, Ms. Ann Diserod (not present), Mr. Jack Pollard and Mr. John Switay. Several individuals spoke on behalf of their respective departments to express reasons for nominating the individuals.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Minutes of the Council of Trustees**

A motion was made by Trustee Kelly, seconded by Trustee Davis, and unanimously carried that the June 4, 2008 minutes be approved.

## **PRESIDENT**

### **Contributions to Volunteer Fire Company**

Trustee Alley made a motion to approve the Bloomsburg University contribution of \$38,000 to the volunteer fire company of the Town of Bloomsburg for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. She also made a motion to approve a \$25,000 contribution toward the purchase of a new ladder fire truck. This is the fifth of eight annual payments. Seconded by Trustee Klingerman. Unanimous approval.

### **Non-Instructional Emeritus**

On a motion by Trustee Alley, seconded by Trustee Housenick, Non-Instructional Emeritus was unanimously approved for Glenn Bieber, Ann Diserod, John Pollard and John Switay.



### **2009-2010 Budget Request**

Trustee Barth called upon Dr. Richard Rugen, Vice President of Administration and Finance, to review the 2009-2010 budget request. This is the annual request to inform the State System of the needs of Bloomsburg University. After reviewing, Trustee Najpauer made a motion to approve the 2009-2010 budget request, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Unanimous approval.

### **President's Report**

President Soltz reviewed his President's Report with the Trustees. A copy of the report will be appended to the minutes.

### **Middle States visit preparation**

Dr. James Mackin, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, introduced Dr. Richard Baker, Chair, Middle States Steering Committee, to review the self evaluation and recommendations as part of the Middle States reaccreditation process.

## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Trustee Barth called upon Trustee Dampman to lead discussion on the Academic Affairs section of the agenda.

### **Continuation of the Husky Research Corporation (HRC) as an affiliated Organization.**

Trustee Dampman called upon Dr. Mackin to discuss the action item: continuation of the Husky Research Corporation (HRC) as an affiliated organization. Dr. Mackin requested a motion, as required by the Board of Governors, certifying compliance with policy 1985-04-A. Trustee Davis moved to approve the continuation of the Husky Research Corporation (HRC) as an affiliated organization, seconded by Trustee Alley. Unanimous approval.

### **Summer College Enrollment Update**

Trustee Dampman called upon Dr. James Mackin to lead discussion of Summer College enrollment update. Dr. Mackin made appropriate remarks.

## **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

Trustee Barth recognized Trustee Davis to lead discussion of the General Administration section of the agenda.

### **Approval of Purchasing Activity**

Trustee Davis made a motion, seconded by Trustee Alley and unanimously carried, to approve purchasing activity under Act 188 in excess of \$10,000 for May 10, 2008 to August 19, 2008.

### **End of Year Finance Report**

Trustee Davis introduced Dr. Rugen to discuss the end-of-year finance report. A hard copy of this report was distributed to the Trustees prior to the quarterly meeting.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Fall Enrollment and Housing Update**

Trustee Barth recognized Vice President Preston Herring to discuss the information item Fall Enrollment and Housing Update. Dr. Herring reviewed the Fall 2008 Enrollment Summary of both freshmen and transfer students as well as the Housing Summary and Honeysuckle Apartments Occupancy.

#### **End-of-Year VSE Report & End-of Year BU Foundation Report**

Trustee Barth introduced Mr. Jim Hollister, Assistant Vice President of University Relations and Ms. Maryann Lindberg, Executive Director of the BU Foundation to give their end-of-year reports.

Mr. Hollister reviewed the Voluntary Support of Education (VSE) report and key areas including: overall philanthropic income breakdown, Development philanthropic income breakdown, highlights of development efforts, and other notable non-VSE reported state and federal income.

Ms. Lindberg reviewed the end-of-the year BU Foundation report. She presented figures of total assets, endowment, total revenues, total gifts, gifts to endowment, gifts by type, donors of \$1,000 or more and Foundation support to BU.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **System Accountability Plan**

Trustee Barth announced he reviewed the System Accountability Plan with the trustees. They are pleased to see where the university has met or exceeded many of PASSHE's performance measures.

**Presidential Evaluation**

Trustee Barth asked for a member of the Council to present the Resolution and make a motion regarding the presidential evaluation of Dr. David Soltz.

Trustee Alley made the following motion:

**WHEREAS**, the Council of Trustees has conducted an informal review of President David L. Soltz; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of Trustees have reviewed the System Accountability Plan and discussed Bloomsburg University's performance in detail with President Soltz; and

**WHEREAS**, President Soltz is recognized as being a strong ambassador for Bloomsburg University, both locally and nationally; and

**WHEREAS**, the internal and external constituency leaders interviewed stated that President Soltz is doing an excellent job managing the many aspects of the university; and

**THEREFORE**, it is resolved that the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania (a) highly commends and heartily endorses the performance of the president, and (b) expresses their support and appreciation of the president and the staff of the Office of the President.

Seconded by Trustee Housenick. Unanimous approval.

**2008-2009 Committee Appointments**

Trustee Barth called to the attention of the Trustees the 2008-2009 committee appointments included in their packets.

**Adjournment**

With no other items to be presented to the Council, Trustee Barth adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

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Marie Conley Lammando  
Secretary

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Jennifer D. Kluck  
Administrative Assistant

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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE  
BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES**

**September 3, 2008**

- At the beginning of the meeting, Chairperson Barth introduced some new employees. I also want to mention that Dr. Dennis Gehris will once again serve as interim Dean of the College of Business with the recent resignation of the former Dean, David Martin. Dr. Gehris is out of town today but I do want to thank him for stepping in to assume this critical role.
- My first summer on the BU campus has passed quickly. I continued to have open office hours and met with faculty, staff or students who wanted to visit with me. I made several trips to see the progress at work sites including Redman Stadium, our new student housing on upper campus and Haas Auditorium. Everything is on track for both housing and Haas. When some of you attend Saturday's football game you will see how great Redman Stadium looks.
- U.S. News and World Report's annual ranking of U.S. colleges and universities once again lists BU as number 81 in Best Universities - Master's for the northern region. Best Universities - Master's ranks institutions that offer a full range of undergraduate degrees and some master's degree programs but few, if any, doctoral degrees.

Among the 14 Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education universities, only three were ranked higher than BU; Millersville, Shippensburg and West Chester. A total of 572 universities are included in Best Universities - Master's.

- We are welcoming 35 new full-time faculty to the campus this semester. Additionally we have 5 new coaches; Head Women's Basketball, Assistant Women's Basketball, Head Men's and Women's Track/Field, Head Men's and Women's Swimming and Assistant Wrestling.
- We had a very successful convocation in late August. The processional into the Student Recreation Center by 33 faculty, many administrators, our student trustee and CGA president, was the official welcoming to approximately 1800 new students to the fall semester. During this program, we told them about the history and traditions of Bloomsburg University, outlined several of our key expectations and passed along some words of wisdom as to how to make the most of their university

experience, especially during this first critical year. Following the convocation each College held a casual lunch for students within that College.

- A few meetings back you heard about our plans to revamp the Bloomsburg University website. This semester we will be identifying a search committee to interview candidates for the web/portal manager position. Additionally, we are very close to signing an agreement with a company for the website feasibility study. We will keep you updated on this important initiative.
- Our Electronics Engineering Technology recently received full accreditation from ABET. Exercise Science received accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Educations Programs; full accreditation for Undergraduate (Applied Exercise Physiology) and Graduate (Exercise Science) Programs. Our Theatre program received a 5-year provisional accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Theatre.

The accreditation process is a rigorous one and full accreditation on the first application is unusual. We are very pleased that two of these three programs received full accreditation. The provisional accreditation for Theatre was due to facilities issues that should be addressed by the renovation of Haas Auditorium.

- Bloomsburg University was awarded a \$95,000 expansion grant from Department of Community and Economic Development for continuation of the Workforce Leadership 2+2+2 grant program in computer forensics. Bloomsburg has partnered with secondary schools Columbia Montour Vo-Tech, Northumberland County Area Vo-Tech, North Schuylkill School District, and postsecondary partner Luzerne County Community College, to develop a seamless articulation of credits from the secondary, to the two-year postsecondary, to Bloomsburg University, in the computer forensics curriculum.
- We recently received a \$770,000 grant, for a four-year period, from the U.S. Department of Education for the Audiology Department. This was a result of Dr. Thomas Zalewski's efforts in proposing the initiative. This project will increase the quantity and quality of Doctorate of Audiology professionals to identify and serve the audiological and educational needs of children with hearing loss, their parents, and teachers by training 14 Doctors of Audiology over a four-year period.
- I am changing the name and makeup of what we now call the President's Cabinet. This body is a group of senior level managers and administrators that meet 2-3 times during a semester and serve in an advisory capacity

to the president. I have asked five new members to join the group; the president of APSCUF, the president of AFSCME, the president of SCUPA, the president of CGA and the secretary of the Forum. This group's new name will be the President's Advisory Council.

- The BU Police Department co-hosted, with Penn State University, a 40-hour police officer supervisor in-service training program. Twenty eight officers from around the state attended. The program covered the role of front line supervisor, leadership, conflict resolution, and performance troubleshooting. We are currently talking with Penn State personnel about hosting a leadership program on campus annually.
- Bloomsburg University is continuing its efforts to be responsible stewards of the environment. You may remember that several months ago we debuted our bio-diesel bus that uses cooking oil for fuel. We have two more campus initiatives at work this semester.
- Campus dining services is participating in "Trayless Tuesday's" at the Scranton Commons. Trayless Tuesday is a national program to reduce food and energy waste on college campuses across the nation. By participating in Trayless Tuesday the university will save approximately 1,350 gallons of water by not having any trays to wash that day.
- The Town of Bloomsburg Recycling Center and two other charities will benefit from "Using Less, Caring More," a new initiative to reduce use and waste at the University Book Store. Each customer who declines a plastic shopping bag will receive a custom-designed wooden nickel to place in one of three glass jars representing organizations that promote recycling or green-earth causes. At the end of the fall semester, the University Store will make a donation equal to the total dollar amount of wooden nickels in each charity's jar. BU already has a relationship with the local recycling center and the other two charities will be selected by students.
- As you saw this morning, we have started a new practice of acknowledging emeriti recipients in person in addition to their written confirmations. I'm pleased that most of them were available to attend the Trustee meeting today.

The beginning of a new academic year on a university campus is always full of excitement and anticipation. I have something in common with our new students this semester as I am extremely excited to experience my first fall semester as Bloomsburg University's president.

**COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 3, 2008**

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**Council of Trustees**

Dr. Robert Dampman, Vice Chair  
Mrs. Ramona Alley  
Ms. Marie Conley Lammando, Secretary  
Mr. LaRoy Davis  
Mr. Charles Housenick  
Mr. A. William Kelly  
Mr. David Klingerman  
Dr. Joseph Mowad  
Ms. Nicole Najpauer

**Excused**

Mr. Steven Barth, Chair  
Mr. Robert Gibble

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Ms. Veronica Breisch, President, Bloomsburg Chapter of AFSCME  
Dr. Stephen Kokoska, President, Bloomsburg Chapter of APSCUF  
Ms. Gretchen Osterman, Bloomsburg Chapter of SCUPA – not present  
Mr. David Stover, University Legal Counsel  
Ms. Gia Adornetto, President, CGA

Trustee and former chair Kelly presided over the meeting due to Chairman Barth's excused absence and Vice-Chair Dampman's request due to his limited mobility.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

In accord with House Resolution Number 32, Trustee Kelly requested that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

### **Call to Order**

Mr. Bill Kelly, past chair of the Council of Trustees, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance. He reported the Council of Trustees met earlier in the morning for a Committee of the Whole meeting.

### **Minutes of the Council of Trustees**

A motion was made by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Mowad, and unanimously carried that the September 3, 2008 minutes be approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Introductions**

Mr. Kelly recognized the BU Husky field hockey team. Trustee Alley made a motion to accept the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Bloomsburg University field hockey team and head coach Jan Hutchinson won the 2008 NCAA Division II field hockey championship and finished the year with a record of 23-1; And

**WHEREAS**, the team won the championship for the third straight year; sixth time in the last seven years and 10<sup>th</sup> in the last 13; And

**WHEREAS**, the NCAA title was the 15<sup>th</sup> field hockey championship in school history; And

**WHEREAS**, the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania advocates excellence in athletics as well as academics, and recognizes the important contributions of coaches, student-athletes, and the staff in the field of athletics to the total university environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania hereby congratulates the 2008 Bloomsburg University Field Hockey Team and extends their appreciation for the recognition they have brought to Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be made a part of the official minutes of the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania and that a copy be presented to the 2008 Bloomsburg University field hockey team.

Seconded by Trustee Mowad. Unanimous approval.

Trustee Kelly also introduced those in the audience who were either nominated or granted Emeritus status: Dr. Chris Cherrington, Dr. P. James Moser, Mr. David Rider, Dr. Dana Ulloth, Dr. Duane Braun, Dr. Terry Oxley, and Dr. James Matta. Several individuals spoke on behalf of their respective departments to express reasons for nominating the individuals.

Trustee Kelly recognized those individuals serving on our Advisory panel: Ms. Veronica Breisch, Ms. Gretchen Osterman (not present), Dr. Stephen Kokoska, Ms. Gia Adornetto and Mr. David Stover.

### **PRESIDENT**

#### **Manager Emeritus**

On a motion by Trustee Alley, seconded by Trustee Mowad, Manager Emeritus status was unanimously approved for Dr. James Matta.

#### **President's Report**

President Soltz reviewed his President's Report with the Trustees. A copy of the report will be appended to the minutes. Dr. Soltz acknowledged Bill Kelly's resignation from the Council of Trustees effective December 31, 2008 and thanked Bill for his years of support of Bloomsburg University. Trustee Mowad seconded his remarks.

### **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Trustee Kelly called upon Dr. James Mackin to lead discussion on the Academic Affairs section of the agenda.

#### **M.Ed School Based Speech Language Pathology**

Trustee Kelly called on Dr. James Mackin to present the information on the M.Ed School Based Speech Language Pathology. On a motion by Trustee Mowad, seconded by Trustee Davis, it was unanimously approved to recommend this new program.

#### **BU Branch Campus**

Trustee Kelly called upon Dr. James Mackin to lead discussion of the BU Branch Campus information item. Dr. Mackin made appropriate remarks.

#### **Student Information Management System Update**

Trustee Kelly called on Mr. Wayne Mohr to give an update on the Student Information Management System. Mr. Mohr gave appropriate remarks.

## **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

Trustee Kelly called upon Dr. Richard Rugen to lead discussion of the General Administration section of the agenda.

### **Board of Governors Policy 1985-04-A**

On a motion by Trustee Housenick, seconded by Trustee Najpauer, the following resolution was approved unanimously:

**WHEREAS**, the Bloomsburg University Foundation exists solely for the benefit of the university, requires an annual external audit of funds and publishes copies thereof, and annually makes significant contributions to the benefit of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania students and its academic programs; and

**WHEREAS**, a satisfactory written memorandum of understanding exists between The Bloomsburg University Foundation and Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, appropriate fiduciary agreements have been enacted to allow the Bloomsburg University Foundation to retain university gifts and grants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bloomsburg University Foundation does not and will not undertake programs or activities that are properly part of the university's academic mission; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania Council of Trustees certifies that the Bloomsburg University Foundation is in compliance with the Board of Governors Policy 1985-04-A which speaks to university external financial support.

### **Guaranteed Energy Savings Resolution**

Trustee Housenick made the following motion:

**WHEREAS**, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania has demonstrated a need to reduce its expenditures on energy and natural resources through improvements to existing facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the University has provided a viable financial plan for funding the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council will ensure that funding will be available or savings guarantees are appropriate to finance the project adequately.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Council of Trustees, approve the undertaking of a System-financed Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract; and further do hereby authorize the President of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania to sign the standard Loan Covenant Agreement for financing the project.

Seconded by Trustee Dampman. Unanimous approval.

### **Columbia Hall Resolution**

Trustee Housenick made the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania has demonstrated a need for the renovation of Columbia Hall, a 400 bed residence hall, and

**WHEREAS**, the University has provided a viable financial plan for funding this project,  
and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of Trustees will ensure that fees will be established at such rates as to finance the project adequately.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Council of Trustees, approve the undertaking of a System financed capital facility project for the renovation of Columbia Hall and authorize permission to develop designs for the facility, and further do hereby authorize the President of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania to sign the standard Loan Covenant Agreement for financing the project.

Seconded by Trustee Klingerman. Unanimous approval.

### **Approval of Purchasing Activity**

Trustee Davis made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mowad and unanimously carried, to approve purchasing activity under Act 188 in excess of \$10,000 for August 20, 2008 to November 10, 2008.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **COT Meeting calendar 2009-2010**

Trustee Kelly called to the attention of the Trustees the 2009-2010 meeting calendar in the exhibit section of the agenda.

**Adjournment**

With no other items to be presented to the Council, Trustee Kelly adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

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Marie Conley Lammando  
Secretary

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Jennifer D. Kluck  
Administrative Assistant

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE  
BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES**

**December 3, 2008**

Here are a few highlights of academic, student-related, community-related and athletic achievements since we met in September.

- I know you are aware that Governor Rendell has asked PASSHE to reserve 4.25 percent of their 2008-09 State appropriation in the likely event that tax revenues end the year below expectations. The Governor's request means BU must identify \$1.6 million for a contingency reserve for likely return to the State. We have identified those funds through salary savings from vacant positions and putting a hold on filling some positions.

The budget reduction dollars reduce our carry-forward budget into 2009-10 that typically fund action plans, plant fund projects and temporary faculty. It is our hope that this is a one-time request, but given the scale of this economic situation we don't know if we may be asked for more significant cuts from the Governor.

- Dr. Karl Kapp, Professor of Instructional Technology, was named Co-Principal Investigator of a \$1.8 million dollar National Science Foundation Grant with Hofstra University serving as the lead research organization. Bloomsburg University will receive \$800,000 over a five-year period to develop and research the academic potential of a hybrid instructional model that infuses computer simulations, modeling and educational gaming into middle school technology education programs. Bloomsburg's Institute for Interactive Technologies will be creating the scripting and storyboards for the development of an interactive online, multi-player game which explores concepts in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) disciplines.
- Dr. David Simpson's \$17,000 NRC grant was renewed for the 2008-2009 year. The grant will provide scholarships for up to three students in the Bloomsburg University Health Physics Program, an area identified as a critical skill area related to the NRC's regulatory mission.
- A three-member panel was on campus Monday and Tuesday as part of an investigation into an incident that occurred at our November 1st

homecoming dance. Members of the panel are: Jack Dowling, president and principal of JD Security Consultants LLC, Downingtown; Terrell Jones, vice provost for educational equity, Penn State University; and Kahan Sablo, dean of student life, Edinboro University. T

These three will review documents, video clips and other materials along with interviewing individuals who were present at the dance. At the conclusion of their investigation, they will provide us with suggestions and methods on how we can more effectively plan and execute events and utilize our resources to ensure future campus gatherings are run smoothly and safely.

- School districts from across Pennsylvania and as far away as Florida and Hawaii hired new teachers from the ranks of Bloomsburg University graduates in 2007. According to the most recent data available in the Post-Graduation Activities Report, prepared by BU's Career Development Center, 93 % of our 69 special/elementary education graduates attained teaching positions in 2007, followed by nearly 85 % of the 67 early childhood/elementary education graduates and 75 % of the 128 elementary education graduates.
- The dean of the College of Professional Studies at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Dianne Mark, was one of the recipients of Minority Opinion Magazine's Minority Achievement Award. She was honored with the award at the 34th annual Minority Achiever's Luncheon sponsored by the magazine and held in Pittsburgh in October. The award is given each year to show recognition and appreciation to minorities who have made exceptional contributions in their profession.
- TRIO Upward Bound is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This program, for first-generation college students, prepares high school students for success in college, graduate school or a career. TRIP Upward Bound is a grant program developed after the passage of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 and is funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

The program at BU supports nine area high schools and is funded to serve 90 students. These students receive help with college enrollment, retention, improvement in high school, preparation for the SAT test, tutoring, financial literacy and career development.

- BU students, faculty and staff contributed \$8,000 to the PA Breast Cancer Coalition following the Breast Cancer Walk/Run held on campus in October. During the past six years, approximately \$60,000 has been

contributed by BU to support breast cancer research in Pennsylvania.

- In addition to the outstanding play of our Field Hockey team, our BU football team advanced to the NCAA region 1 final this past weekend and lost a heartbreaker to California University. The Huskies ended the season with a record of 11-2.
- We recognized several retired faculty this morning and since the president officially grants faculty emeriti status, I want to mention in this report those who have been awarded that distinction by me. Congratulations to Dr. Duane Braun, Dr. Chris Cherrington, Dr. P. James Moser, Dr. Terry Oxley, Mr. David Rider and Dr. Dana Ulloth. Again, I want to add my congratulations to Dr. James Matta on his being awarded manager emeritus by the Council of Trustees.

It has indeed been a very good semester thanks to the efforts of many faculty and staff.