

**COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 25, 2009**

The Bloomsburg University Council of Trustees met in the Assembly Room of Monty's at 10:30 a.m. Those in attendance:

**Council of Trustees**

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

**Excused**

Mr. Charles Housenick

**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**

Mr. Shawn Makar, President, AFSCME  
Dr. Stephen Kokoska, President, Bloomsburg Chapter of APSCUF  
Ms. Gretchen Osterman, Bloomsburg Chapter of SCUPA  
Mr. David Stover, University Legal Counsel  
Ms. Gia Adornetto, President, CGA

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

### **Call to Order**

Trustee 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 the morning for committee meetings.

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

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Introductions**

Trustee Barth introduced Dr. Emeric Schultz who was recently granted Emeritus status by the president. Dr. Michael Pugh, of the Chemistry department, spoke on behalf of the department to express reasons for nominating Dr. Schultz.

Trustee Barth also recognized those individuals serving on our Advisory panel: Mr. Shawn Maker, Ms. Gretchen Osterman, Dr. Stephen Kokoska, Mr. Gia Adornetto, and Mr. David Stover.

#### **Trustee Resolution honoring Mr. Robert Gibble**

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

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Robert J. Gibble has served honorably as a member of the Bloomsburg University Council of Trustees since 1999 and during his tenure on the Council provided leadership as Chairman from 2006 to 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, his education, experience, insight and sound judgment have proven invaluable to the deliberations and policy-making of the Council; and

**WHEREAS**, he is a deeply committed alumnus of Bloomsburg University, having earned a bachelor's degree in education in 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, the faculty, staff, and administration are grateful for his advocacy on behalf of Bloomsburg University and the vital role he has played through his service on many committees, as he has forged resolutions on complex campus issues and in his leadership roles within the Council of Trustees; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University conveys its profound gratitude and esteem to our

colleague and friend for his dedicated service as Chairperson of the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be made a part of the official minutes of the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University and that a copy be presented to Mr. Robert J. Gible.

Second by Trustee Mowad. Unanimous approval.

**Trustee Resolution honoring Mr. A. William Kelly**

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

**WHEREAS**, Mr. A. William Kelly has served with distinction as a member of the Bloomsburg University Council of Trustees since 1995 and during his tenure on the Council provided leadership as Chairman from 2002 to 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, his education, experience, insight and sound judgment have proven invaluable to the deliberations and policy-making of the Council; and

**WHEREAS**, he is a deeply committed and cherished alumnus of Bloomsburg University, having earned a bachelor's degree in English in 1971; and

**WHEREAS**, the faculty, staff, and administration are grateful for his advocacy on behalf of Bloomsburg University and the vital role he has played through his service on many committees, as he has forged resolutions on complex campus issues and in his leadership roles within the Council of Trustees; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University regrettably accepts his resignation as a Trustee and conveys its profound gratitude and esteem to our colleague and friend for his dedicated service on the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be made a part of the official minutes of the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University and that a copy be presented to Mr. A. William Kelly.

Second by Trustee Davis. Unanimous approval.

**Trustee Resolution honoring Ms. Nicole Najpauer**

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

**WHEREAS**, Nicole A. Najpauer served as a student member of the Bloomsburg University Council of Trustees for the 2008-2009 academic year, and

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

**WHEREAS**, more importantly, she 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 her dedicated service to Bloomsburg University.

Second by Trustee Klingerman. Unanimous approval.

## **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.

## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Trustee Barth called on Dr. James Mackin, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, to lead discussion on the Academic Affairs section of the agenda.

### **Middle Level Degree Program Approval**

Dr. Mackin made appropriate remarks. On a motion made by Trustee Klingerman, seconded by Trustee Mowad, the middle level degree program was granted with unanimous approval.

### **Institute for Interactive Technologies**

Dr. Mackin introduced Dr. Timothy Phillips who led discussion regarding the Institute for Interactive Technologies program.

## **UNIVERSITY & STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Trustee Barth recognized Dr. Preston Herring, Vice President of Student and University Affairs, to discuss the University and Student Affairs section of the agenda.

### **Room and Board Fees**

Trustee Conley Lammando made a motion that the 3.5% increase in room fees and a 2.5% increase in board fees for the 2009-2010 budget be approved. Seconded by Trustee Davis. Unanimous approval

## **DEVELOPMENT**

Trustee Barth introduced Mr. Jim Hollister who made a presentation to the trustees on behalf of the Development Office.

## **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

Trustee Barth recognized Dr. Richard Rugen, Vice President of Administration and Finance, to lead discussion of the General Administration section of the agenda.

### **Report on Audit 2007-2008**

On a motion by Trustee Mowad, seconded by Trustee Davis, the audit report prepared by Parente Randolph for the 2007-2008 year was unanimously approved.

### **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 11, 2008 to January 30, 2009.

### **Delinquent Student Accounts**

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

### **Proposed Fee Schedule 2009-2010**

Dr. Richard Rugen reviewed the information presented to the Trustees. Trustee Davis made a motion to accept the fee schedule for 2009-2010, seconded by Trustee Alley. Unanimous approval.

### **Capital Project Request**

Mr. Eric Milner, Assistant Vice President for Administration, reviewed the capital project requests and recommended prioritization for funding/authorization for 2009-2010 to 2013-2014.

#### Priority

1. Waller Renovation/Addition
2. McCormick Renovation

#### Anticipated funding

not in 5 year program  
not in 5 year program

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Adjournment**

With no other items to be presented to the Council, Trustee Barth adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.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 25, 2009**

Since the Council of Trustees last met, we had a successful graduate and undergraduate commencement in December.

- Last week I held an open forum for students, faculty and staff to review the recommendations from a three-person outside panel convened to investigate the homecoming dance incident that occurred on campus November 1st. The members of the panel reviewed documents, video clips and other materials along with interviewing individuals who were present at the dance.

The panel provided 42 recommendations for healing the campus climate, advancing diversity, event planning and event security. Many of these recommendations will be undertaken in the short-term while some may require a long-term strategy in order to ensure future campus gatherings are run smoothly and safely and to enhance the climate of our multicultural campus. This document provides an excellent blueprint for moving forward.

On March 26<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a President's Conversation on Diversity, the second this academic year, which will allow us to continue a further dialogue on the recommendations from the panel.

- The Board of Directors of the Husky Research Corporation, Inc. donated \$25,000.00 to establish two separate restricted scholarship funds for Bloomsburg University students. Each one is in the amount of \$12,500.00. The interest and earnings on each fund will be annually utilized to fund the Husky Audiology Scholarship and the Husky Instructional Technology Scholarship.
- The National Science Foundation's Division of Research on Learning in Formal and Informal Settings (DRL) has recently awarded a \$1.8M grant to a consortium of partners including Dr Karl Kapp of Bloomsburg University's

Department of Instructional Technology to study, “Simulation and Modeling in Technology Education”.

- Husky Research Corporation, in partnership with Central Pennsylvania Workforce Development Corporation (CPWDC), received funding in the amount of \$103,000, as part of an Industry Partnership Worker Training Grant, in information and communication services. The Institute for Interactive Technologies (IIT) will create an extensive training program entitled, “Information Technology Leadership Essentials,” that will be offered to qualified businesses in a 9-county region of central Pennsylvania.
- The Student Health Center’s laboratory has been reclassified so that the Health Center can perform Mono and Strep screens within the Health Center. This reduces the cost of these screens for students, results in a quicker diagnosis since the screens are done on site, and allows us to administer antibiotics in a timelier manner for a quicker recovery.
- I am pleased to announce that Dr. Steven Kokoska, Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Statistics, has accepted the position of Director of the Honors Program. Dr. Kokoska has taught honors seminars several times and has mentored many honors independent study projects. He also served one semester as interim honors director when recently retired Honors Director, Emeric Schultz, was on sabbatical. Currently, 121 students are in the Honors Program and I’m sure that number will continue to grow under Dr. Kokoska’s leadership.
- Dr. Julie Vandivere, Department of English, has agreed to serve as the faculty coordinator for the eleven Living and Learning Communities. In this role, she will work with directors, departments, residence life and admissions to coordinate programming, course needs and recruitment.
- While I am recognizing individuals for their accomplishments and service, I would like to offer my congratulations to Gia Adornetto for winning a second term to serve as CGA president.
- The search for a Vice President of University Advancement is progressing. We have advertised the position in several key educational publications and/or websites. Our goal is to begin interviewing candidates in mid to late March.



- 9 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. Students help at local organizations during the academic year, such as Camp Victory, the YMCA, the Model UN, the Alliance Against the Homeless and the Women's Center.
- Yesterday I attended a luncheon where 87 student-athletes were named as Scholar-Athletes at the University. 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. Each scholar athlete recognized a faculty member who made a positive impact on their education.
- Even though we recognized him earlier, I want to officially announce the most recent individual to achieve Faculty Emeritus status, Dr. Emeric Schultz from the Chemistry Department.
- I would like to briefly comment on the Governor's budget and to emphasize that Bloomsburg University and the other state system universities are the best value in higher education in the Commonwealth. We have the lowest tuition and provide a high quality education. In a year when the Commonwealth is facing a potential \$2.3 billion budget general fund deficit we are pleased that the recommended appropriation for PASSHE is level with the original current year funding and restores the 4.25% reduction in the current fiscal year. The Governor's budget doubles system capital funding from \$65 to \$130 million a year which will enable acceleration of renovation of facilities including Sutliff Hall at BU.

The state appropriation covers approximately 36% of the current cost to educate our students. The remaining 64% is dependent on tuition and fees. State funding per student has dropped steadily leading to increased pressure on a student to fund their education. Tuition at the PASSHE universities is the lowest amount of all 4-year colleges and universities in the Commonwealth and is more than 50% lower than at branch campuses of Penn State and Pitt. Over the past five years PASSHE has had the lowest tuition and fee increases of the 46 public university systems in the country.

The proposed level-funding for the State System will result in a budget shortfall due to increased health benefit costs, contractual salary increase and inflation. It would take an 8% tuition increase to cover the shortfall. In the current recession such a tuition increase would be a real burden on our students although we would still be by far the best value in higher education in the Commonwealth.

We will be working closely with the PASSHE Board of Governors and our legislators to keep tuition affordable without compromising the academic quality of our programs.

**COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 3, 2009**

The Bloomsburg University Council of Trustees met in the Kehr Union Building, Multipurpose A at 10:30 a.m. Those in attendance:

**In person:**

Mrs. Ramona Alley  
Mr. Steven Barth, Chair  
Mr. Charles Housenick  
Mr. David Klingerman  
Ms. Marie Conley Lammando  
Dr. Joseph Mowad

**By phone:**

Dr. Robert Dampman, Vice Chair  
Mr. LaRoy Davis

**University Personnel**

Dr. David Soltz, President  
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**

Dr. Stephen Kokoska, President, APSCUF (not present)  
Mr. Shawn Makar, President, AFSCME  
Ms. Gretchen Osterman, Bloomsburg Chapter of SCUPA  
Ms. Gia Adornetto, President, CGA

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

### **Call to Order**

Trustee 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 the morning for an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues as well as conducted the annual inspection of the facilities which included the new student housing complex on upper campus and Bakeless Center for Humanities.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Alley, and unanimously carried that the February 25, 2009 minutes be approved. (Roll Call Vote)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Introductions**

Trustee Barth introduced those in the audience who were either nominated or granted Emeritus status: Dr. Dianne Angelo, Mr. Karl Beamer, Dr. Shelley Randall, Mr. Dale Sultzbaugh, Ms. Katherine Mulka, Mr. Roy Smith (not present), Mr. William Sponseller, and Mr. John Stockalis. Several individuals spoke on behalf of their respective departments to express reasons for nominating the individuals.

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

### **PRESIDENT**

#### **Manager Emeritus**

On a motion by Trustee Alley, seconded by Trustee Mowad, Manager Emeritus status was unanimously approved for Katherine Mulka and Roy Smith. (Roll Call Vote)

#### **Non Instructional Emeritus**

On a motion by Trustee Alley, seconded by Trustee Mowad, Non Instructional Emeritus status was unanimously approved for William Sponseller and John Stockalis. (Roll Call Vote)

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

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

## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Trustee Barth called on Dr. Larry Fritz, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Graduate Studies, to lead discussion on the Academic Affairs section of the agenda.

### **M.A. in Public Policy and International Affairs**

Dr. Fritz made appropriate remarks. On a motion made by Trustee Dampman, seconded by Trustee Conley Lammando, the M.A. in Public Policy and International Affairs program was granted with unanimous approval. (Roll Call Vote)

### **Colleges and Department Name Changes**

Dr. Fritz reviewed several name changes including:

- College of Professional Studies change to College of Education
- Department of Communication Studies and Theatre Arts change to Department of Communication Studies
- Department of Music change to Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance.
- Department of Computer Information Systems change to Department of Management Information Systems and Computer Information Systems.
- Department of Business Education and Business Information Systems change to Department of Business Education and Information and Technology Management
- BSBA in Business Information Systems change to BSBA in Information and Technology Management

## **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

Trustee Barth recognized Dr. Richard Rugen, Vice President of Administration and Finance, to lead discussion of the General Administration section of the agenda.

### **Approval of Purchasing Activity**

Trustee Mowad made a motion, seconded by Trustee Housenick and unanimously carried, to approve purchasing activity under Act 188 in excess of \$10,000 for January 31, 2009 to May 8, 2009. (Roll Call Vote)

### **Resolution for the Inspection of Facilities**

Trustee Housenick made a motion to approve the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, members of the Council of Trustees at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania did conduct their annual inspection of facilities on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 and found maintenance procedures that ensure buildings and structures are being properly maintained and in good

working order and found also that lawn, flower, shrubbery, tree and recreation areas were attractive and well maintained. Trustees conducted a tour of the new upper campus apartments and Bakeless Center for Humanities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania expressed its approval of both the general condition and the care of the facilities, and transmits their sentiments to the Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

Second by Trustee Klingerman. Unanimous approval. (Roll Call Vote)

**Red Flag Identity Theft Program**

Trustee Housenick made a motion, second by Trustee Conley Lammando to approve the Red Flag Identity Theft Program as reviewed by Dr. Richard Rugen. Unanimous approval. (Roll Call Vote)

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Ad Hoc Facilities Naming Opportunity**

On a recommendation by the Ad Hoc Facilities Naming Committee, Trustee Mowad made a motion to name the new student housing complex on the upper campus of Bloomsburg University, the “Jessica S. Kozloff Apartment Complex.” Second by Trustee Davis. Unanimous approval. (Roll Call Vote)

**Adjournment**

With no other items to be presented to the Council, Trustee Barth adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.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**

**June 3, 2009**

Here is a summary of what our divisions have accomplished since we met in February.

**Academic Related:**

- Our two undergraduate commencement ceremonies were held on the Academic Quad on Saturday, May 2. Nearly 1,200 students took part in the ceremonies. It was a homecoming of sorts for our commencement speaker, David McCormick. His father, James McCormick, was the Bloomsburg University president from 1973-1983 and then became the first PASSHE Chancellor. David and his family, along with Dr. James and Dr. Mayan McCormick, toured campus, the president's home, Buckalew, and visited with current and retired faculty and staff.

The weather cooperated for the graduation ceremonies but we were prepared with a contingency rain plan to hold both morning and afternoon ceremonies in Nelson Field House.

Bloomsburg's graduate commencement was held Friday night in the recently renovated Hass Center for the Arts. We had 162 masters and doctoral candidates participate in the ceremony.

- With the resignation of the Dean of the College of Professional Studies, we have examined the structure for the leadership team for the new College of Education. As you may remember, we are restructuring in particular to deal with the new PDE (Chapter 49) guidelines and the NCATE reaccreditation efforts. Three individuals have been identified to serve in key roles within the College.

Interim Dean of the College of Professional Studies/Education: Dr. Elizabeth Mauch, Professor of Mathematics Education. Dr. Mauch will be the leader of educator preparation programs in the college. She will also be the internal and external education spokesperson for the university.

Interim Director of Planning and Assessment: Dr. Sheila Jones, Professor of Exceptionality Programs. In this position, Dr. Jones will provide leadership for all university assessment activities. Her initial focus will be

on the creation of assessment structures and protocols for the College of Education.

Associate Dean of the College of Professional Studies/Education: Dr. Caryn Terwilliger, Professor of Early Childhood and Elementary Education. Dr. Terwilliger will serve as the NCATE coordinator for the University. She will also work closely with Dr. Jones and the College of Education faculty on learning outcomes assessment strategies.

All of the individuals have agreed to serve in their roles for the two year period of May 26, 2009 to May 25, 2011.

- Dr. Jim Ermatinger has resigned as the Dean of Liberal Arts, effective at the end of June.

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Jim Brown, assistant Dean of Liberal Arts, has agreed to serve as the Interim Dean until a permanent dean can be hired. Dr. Brown's recent experiences working with teacher education will serve the university well as we move forward with the NCATE accreditation process.

- We were approved by the Board of Governors of PASSHE for a Master of Education in school-based speech language pathology. This new program is designed to help meet the need for certified speech-language pathologists in school settings across the Commonwealth. It will utilize a distance-learning format that will include both teleconferencing and web-based conferencing, as well as supervised on-site, field-based experiences.
- We recently signed an articulation agreement with Luzerne County Community College. LCCC students who have received their associate's degrees in exercise science-fitness leadership will be able to transfer to BU where, after completing 61 credits here, including an internship, will earn a bachelor degree in exercise science. The articulation agreement takes effect for students entering BU in the fall of 2010.
- We will be able to expand our Center for Computer Forensics Research through the efforts of U.S. Representative Paul Kanjorski and Senator Bob Casey. They facilitated funding through the 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act of which BU will receive \$200,000. The grant will allow the center to expand partnerships between BU and law enforcement agencies by providing training, service and research related to extracting information from digital media.



- The first phase of a study to evaluate the need for public, post-secondary education in Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union counties is currently under way.

The study is being funded by the Bloomsburg University Foundation, through a restricted donation, and being conducted by the Institute for Public Policy and Economic Development, which is assessing the Central Susquehanna Valley's workforce and higher educational needs based on demographics, community data and regional support. It consists of surveys targeting six groups including high school students and their parents; high school graduates from 2007 and 2008; adults age 21 years and older, both employed and unemployed; non-traditional students; business and industry; and the overall community.

### **Faculty, Staff and Student Recognition:**

- Philosophy professor Dr. Steven Hales has been awarded a Visiting Professorial Fellowship at the Institute of Philosophy in London. The award is for the fall semester of 2010 and is one of only two awards granted. The Visiting Professorial Fellowship is open to scholars at the rank of professor from any nation and reflects their academic achievement, seniority and depth of experience.
- Marty Coyne, BU head men and women's tennis coach was selected the PSAC East Women's Tennis Coach of the Year.
- For the first time in several years, both the BU men's and women's tennis team advanced to the NCAA playoffs in Orlando, Florida.
- Ten Bloomsburg University students and two staff members who are involved in the Northeast Pennsylvania Alliance Against Homelessness spent spring break in New Orleans. They worked with the United Saints 1st Street Recovery Project, helping families of Katrina work on their homes. The Northeast Pennsylvania Alliance Against Homelessness, founded by professor emeritus Gary Clark, is based at BU.
- In a separate project, seven students involved in Catholic Campus Ministry, Sister Debbie Borneman and Father Don Cramer served the poor and needy in Pittsburgh during spring break, staying with the Millvale Franciscans. They took more than 400 pairs of new socks, more than eight boxes of books for teens, and a monetary donation for a charity they choose. The students raised their own money for this first-time trip.
- Bloomsburg University held its semi-annual "Trash to Treasure" event in early May to support the Columbia County United Way. I'm proud to

report that donations this year totaled \$18, 667.

**Other:**

- The Vice President for Advancement search has concluded and I am pleased to report that Erik Evans has accepted the position. Erik is a product of the PASSHE system universities with a bachelor's degree from Lock University and a master's degree from Bloomsburg University. For a few weeks more he is Assistant Vice President for Advancement at Juniata College and then begins employment with us on July 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 Dianne Angelo, Karl Beamer, Shelley Randall and Dale Sultzbaugh.

My congratulations also to those who were granted manager emeriti status; Kathy Mulka and Roy Smith and non-instructional emeriti status; Bill Sponseller and John Stockalis.

- I'd like to introduce Jaime North, who joined us Monday as a Web writer in the communications office. Jaime is a native of Chambersburg with nine years of experience as a newspaper reporter at the Public Opinion in Chambersburg and the Daily Item/Danville News. In fact, Jaime interviewed me three times. He spent eight years in the U.S. Army Reserve and was deployed twice, including one year as an MP in Iraq. In his new position here, Jaime will be the primary writer and editor for the thousands of pages on the university Web site, content on the Today page and items posted on Facebook and other social media. Welcome, Jaime!
- Finally, to enhance our communication efforts, Bloomsburg University is now actively using social media tools to distribute and receive information. Those outlets include Facebook, Twitter and the addition of blogs to our Web site. I have begun my own blog where I will comment on events or issues at BU. If any of the Trustees have not done so you can sign up to visit BU's [Facebook fan page](#) and sign up to follow us on [Twitter](#).

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Mr. Steven Barth, Chair  
Dr. Robert Dampman, Vice Chair  
Mr. LaRoy Davis  
Mr. Terrell Garrett  
Mr. Charles Housenick  
Mr. David Klingerman  
Dr. Joseph Mowad  
Ms. Nancy Vasta  
Mr. Patrick Wilson

**Absent:**

Ms. Marie Conley Lammando

**University Personnel**

Dr. David Soltz, President  
Dr. Ira Blake, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Jeffrey Long, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs  
Dr. Richard Rugen, Vice President for Administration and Finance  
Mr. Erik Evans, Vice President for University Advancement  
Ms. Brenda Cromley, Executive Assistant to the President  
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### **Call to Order**

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

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### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Introductions**

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Trustee Barth also recognized those individuals serving on the Advisory panel: Mr. Shawn Maker (not present), Ms. Gretchen Osterman, Dr. Stephen Kokoska, Ms. Gia Adornetto, and Mr. David Stover.

### **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 2009-2010 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 sixth of eight annual payments. Seconded by Trustee Klingerman. Unanimous approval.

#### **Non Instructional Emeritus**

On a motion by Trustee Alley, seconded by Trustee Wilson, Non Instructional Emeritus status was unanimously approved for Sharon Swank and Duy McBride.

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

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

### **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Trustee Barth called on Dr. Ira Blake, Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, to lead discussion on the Academic Affairs section of the agenda.

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

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

**Summer College Enrollment Update**

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

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

Trustee Barth recognized Dr. Richard Rugen, Vice President of Administration and Finance, to lead discussion of the General Administration section of the agenda.

**Approval of Purchasing Activity**

Trustee Davis made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dampman and unanimously carried, to approve purchasing activity under Act 188 in excess of \$10,000 for May 9, 2009 to July 27, 2009.

**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.

**2009-2010 Budget Update**

Dr. Rugen reviewed the budget summary, supporting data, budget assumptions, and cost savings with the trustees.

**UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT**

Trustee Barth introduced Mr. Erik Evans, Vice President of University Advancement to lead discussion of this section of the agenda.

Mr. Evans reviewed the End-Of-Year report and Advancement/Foundation priorities and next steps with the trustees.

**STUDENT AFFAIRS**

**Fall Enrollment and Housing Update**

Trustee Barth recognized Dr. Jeff Long, Interim Vice President of Student Affairs to discuss the information item Fall Enrollment and Housing Update. Dr. Long reviewed the Fall 2009 Enrollment Summary of both freshmen and transfer

students as well as the Housing Summary and Honeysuckle Apartments Occupancy.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**2009-2010 Committee Appointments**

Trustee Barth called to the attention of the trustees the 2009-2010 committee appointments included in their packets.

**Adjournment**

With no other items to be presented to the Council, Trustee Barth adjourned the meeting at 12:02 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 2, 2009**

- At the beginning of the meeting, Chairperson Barth introduced some new individuals to our audience. I want to officially welcome those three administrators sitting behind me and give you a bit more background on them.

**Ira Blake** is Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania's new interim provost and vice president of academic affairs.

Dr. Blake, up until Monday, when she joined us, served as associate vice chancellor of academic and student affairs for PASSHE. She replaced provost James E. Mackin, BU's provost since 2005. Dr. Mackin accepted the position of provost at Abu Dhabi University in the United Arab Emirates.

While at PASSHE, Dr. Blake was responsible for reviewing new academic program proposals and conducting periodic review of ongoing academic programs and student units at PASSHE's 14 universities. Previously, she was assistant vice chancellor of academic and student affairs at PASSHE and an executive intern in the chancellor's office. At Kutztown University, she served as assistant to the president for public engagement, interim dean of the College of Education and assistant to the president for enrollment management. Ira also held faculty positions in psychology at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, and Teachers College, Columbia University, and Marymount Manhattan College, both in New York.

Dr. Blake earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from George Washington University, master's degree in educational psychology from

San Francisco State University and a doctoral degree in developmental psychology from Columbia University.

- **Erik Evans** is our Vice President for University Advancement.

Previously, Erik served as associate vice president for advancement at Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA. In his four years at Juniata, he oversaw all aspects of development and alumni relations, including capital campaigns, major gifts, annual giving, planned giving, prospect research, corporations, foundations, athletic fundraising, alumni relations and parent programming.

Significant accomplishments under his leadership at Juniata include leading and collaborating with the advancement and marketing team to design “Changing Lives to Change the World,” a comprehensive fundraising initiative to increase the college’s endowment to \$100 million and the annual fund to \$1.3 million. The campaign is currently in the private phase. In addition, Erik developed and managed Juniata’s \$4 million Founders Hall Campaign, which outperformed its original goal.

Prior to working at Juniata, Evans served as the executive director for alumni and development at Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, for seven years. He earned a bachelor’s degree in speech communications from Lock Haven and a master’s degree in business education from BU.

**Dr. Jeffrey Long** was appointed to serve as BU's interim vice president for student affairs, filling the vacancy created by Preston Herring's recent death. Jeff has been assistant vice president for student life for the past nine years and now leads the university division devoted to students' lives outside of the classroom.

Student Affairs includes admissions, student activities and residence life, student standards, student health and counseling, career development, drug and alcohol intervention programs. Dr. Long will also oversee



auxiliary enterprises, including Kehr Union, the University Store, the Child Center, the Student Recreation Center and dining services.

He holds a bachelor's degree in anthropology from BU, master's degree in anthropology from the State University of New York in Albany, master's degree in education from the College of St. Rose in Albany and a doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Georgia. In addition, he has held administrative and faculty positions at the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati, College of St. Rose and Georgia.

Also in our audience our two interim deans that I would like to introduce.

As the Interim Dean of the College of Professional Studies/Education, **Dr. Elizabeth Mauch**, professor of mathematics, will be the leader of educator preparation programs in the college. She will also be the internal and external education spokesperson for the university.

Dr. Mauch earned her undergraduate degree in mathematics from Moravian College and both masters degree and her Ph.D. in mathematics from Lehigh University. She also holds a teaching certificate and has worked closely with the local school districts on issues such as preparation of students for the PSSA and for success in science and mathematics fields. Beth has also published widely in education journals and thoroughly understands the new PDE guidelines as well as the NCATE accreditation standards. Dr. Mauch began her tenure at BU in 1999 as an Assistant Professor of Mathematics.

**Dr. Julie Kontos**, professor of psychology, was appointed the interim dean of the college of liberal arts. Julie holds degrees her bachelors, masters and PhD. in psychology from the University of Georgia, has been

a faculty member at BU since 1991, and was appointed interim dean in August 2009.

She has served BU as chair of the University Secretariat and Forum and currently chairs the Bloomsburg University Curriculum Committee. She has been extremely active in APSCUF at the local level as vice-president of the chapter, delegate to the legislative assembly, and as a member of the executive board. At the state level she has served as the arrangements officer, chair of the PR committee and as a member of the meet and discuss team. Julie also has been active in the community as a member of the Columbia County Board of Directors for the American Heart Association, serving in both the vice president and president roles.

I also want to mention that **Dr. Dennis Gehris** will, for the second year, serve as interim Dean of the College of Business.

- U.S. News and World Report's annual ranking of U.S. colleges and universities lists BU as number 74 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.

The only PASSHE institution to receive a higher overall rating, at number 54, was Millersville University. A total of 572 universities are included in Best Universities - Master's.

- We are welcoming 84 new full-time and part-time permanent faculty to the campus this semester, along with approximately 2570 new students beginning the fall semester.

- BU's College of Education is now one of fewer than 20 colleges and universities across the state to have a PreK-4 certificate program approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, which recently granted initial program approval. BU's 4-8 and PreK-8 Special Education programs also received accreditation recently. The PreK-4, 4-8 Mid Level and PreK-8 Special Education Programs will be reviewed for full program approval in two years.
- Two of our faculty has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship and one a Fulbright Scholarship. Dr. Michael Patte, Associate Professor in Educational Studies & Secondary Education, will be headed to the United Kingdom in the spring to conduct research on play work; and Dr. Gary Wassmer, Associate Professor in Biology and Allied Health Sciences will be travelling to Uganda to teach entomology. Both have received the Fulbright Fellowship. Our Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Gregory Zimmerman, Associate Professor in the Chemistry Department, will be conducting research in Canada for a project relating to new generation nuclear reactors.
- For the seventh time, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania has received accreditation from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, reaffirming the quality of the university's education, leadership and self-study process.

The commission approved BU's latest 10-year reaccreditation at its June 25 meeting. BU was first accredited in 1950.

Dr. Richard Baker, was chair of BU's Middle States steering committee, and dozens of faculty and staff contributed to the self-study document. The MSCHE evaluation team visited the university from April 5 to 8 and conducted interviews with students, faculty, staff and administrators. The

accreditation ensures BU remains eligible for federal funding, including federal student aid and research grants.

A monitoring report will be submitted in 2011 to affirm BU has complied with the commissions' recommendations regarding strategic planning and general education. Middle States uses 14 accreditation standards to examine each institution as a whole, rather than specific programs.

BU last received a comprehensive evaluation in 2004. The next periodic review report, which is done halfway through the 10-year reaccreditation cycle, is due in 2014 with the next self-study evaluation due in 2018-19.

- Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania will soon offer its first-ever Principals Academy, enabling local principals and school administrators a chance to earn continuing education credits closer to home.

The academy, slated to begin this month, is an approved Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) principal induction program and written to meet the Pennsylvania Inspired Leadership (PIL) Core Standards. It targets first-year principals, although veteran principals and school administrators can also participate. State legislation requires newly hired principals to complete an induction course and administrators to get special continuing education credits.

Thomas J. Starmack, assistant professor of educational studies and secondary education at BU, will be the academy's lead instructor. Tracy L. Krum, a BU graduate and principal of Donald H. Eichhorn Middle School in Lewisburg, will assist Starmack with instruction. Starmack said the closest PDE program previously was in Lycoming County. The academy is a three-year program,

- We recognized a retired faculty this morning and since the president officially grants faculty emeriti status, I want to mention in this report that he has been awarded that distinction by me. Congratulations to Steven Cohen.

My congratulations also to those who were granted non-instructional emeriti status; Duy McBride and Sharon Swank.

- The beginning of a new academic year on a university campus is always full of excitement and anticipation. During the past few days we have had a very successful new student convocation; our dorm move-in days went smoothly and we have already had our first football victory. I am looking forward to the rest of the fall semester.

**COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 2, 2009**

The Bloomsburg University Council of Trustees met in the Assembly Room of Montys at 10:30 a.m. Those in attendance:

**Present:**

Mrs. Ramona Alley  
Dr. Robert Dampman, Vice Chair  
Mr. LaRoy Davis  
Mr. Terrell Garrett  
Mr. Charles Housenick  
Mr. David Klingerman  
Ms. Marie Conley Lammando  
Dr. Joseph Mowad  
Ms. Nancy Vasta  
Mr. Patrick Wilson

**Absent:**

Mr. Steven Barth, Chair

**University Personnel**

Dr. David Soltz, President  
Dr. Ira Blake, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Jeffrey Long, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs  
Dr. Richard Rugen, Vice President for Administration and Finance  
Mr. Erik Evans, Vice President for University Advancement  
Ms. Brenda Cromley, Executive Assistant to the President  
Ms. Jennifer Kluck, Administrative Assistant, President's Office

**Council of Trustees Advisors**

Dr. Stephen Kokoska, President, APSCUF  
Mr. Shawn Makar, President, AFSCME (not present)  
Ms. Gretchen Osterman, Bloomsburg Chapter of SCUPA  
Ms. Gia Adornetto, President, CGA

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

### **Call to Order**

Trustee Dampman, Vice Chair of the Council of Trustees, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Conley Lammando, and unanimously carried that the September 2, 2009 minutes be approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Introductions**

Trustee Dampman introduced faculty member, Dr. David Minderhout, a recent recipient of faculty Emeritus status: Dr. Tom Aleto, Chair of the Anthropology department spoke on behalf of his department to express reasons for nominating Dr. Minderhout.

Trustee Dampman also recognized those individuals serving on the Advisory panel: Mr. Shawn Maker (not present), Ms. Gretchen Osterman, Dr. Stephen Kokoska, Ms. Gia Adornetto, and Mr. David Stover.

### **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.

### **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Trustee Dampman called on Dr. Ira Blake, Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, to lead discussion on the Academic Affairs section of the agenda.

#### **ACT 101: Building Pathways for Success**

Dr. Blake introduced three students (Kristin Austin, Robert Andrews, II, Sakinah Tillman) who presented on behalf of ACT 101 focusing on the success stories of the program.

#### **2008-2009 Performance Funding**

Dr. Blake delivered a summary of the 2008-2009 Performance Funding which was presented more formally during the Committee of the Whole meeting held prior to the quarterly meeting.

#### **ISIS (Student Information Systems)**

Wayne Mohr, Assistant Vice President of Technology and Library Services, presented an update to the trustees regarding the ISIS project.

## **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

Trustee Dampman recognized Dr. Richard Rugen, Vice President of Administration and Finance, to lead discussion of the General Administration section of the agenda.

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

On a motion by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Alley, 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.

### **Approval of Purchasing Activity**

Trustee Alley made a motion, seconded by Trustee Klingerman and unanimously carried, to approve purchasing activity under Act 188 in excess of \$10,000 for July 28, 2009 to November 12, 2009.



## **UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT**

### **Website Redesign**

Trustee Dampman introduced Ms. Rosalee Rush, Director of the Office of Communications, to present information regarding Bloomsburg University's website redesign project.

## **STUDENT AFFAIRS**

### **Admissions Overview**

Trustee Dampman recognized Mr. Chris Keller, Director of the Office of Admissions, to present recent admissions information to the trustees.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **2010-2011 Meeting Calendar**

Trustee Dampman called to the attention of the trustees the 2010-2011 quarterly meeting calendar included in their packets.

### **Adjournment**

With no other items to be presented to the Council, Trustee Dampman adjourned the meeting at 12:14 p.m. Motion was made by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Housenick and unanimously approved.

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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**

**December 2, 2009**

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

- The University set an enrollment record this fall with the largest number of students in the school's history. A total of 9,512 students – 8,605 undergraduates and 907 graduate students – were tallied in the university's official enrollment report on the 15th day of classes.

This year's total is an increase of 657 students over fall 2008, when 8,855 students were enrolled. By comparison, 712 students were enrolled at Bloomsburg in 1926, the earliest record available; 2,592 in 1964, the first year master's-level classes were offered; and 6,316 in 1983, the year the institution became a university.

- I am pleased to announce that Dr. Ira Blake has accepted, and Chancellor Cavanaugh has approved, my request to extend her service as a PASSHE executive on loan until summer 2011. Dr. Blake will continue to serve as Interim Provost at Bloomsburg University until a Provost takes office in summer 2011. Dr. Blake has the right combination of intellect, respect, communication skills, analytical skills, and knowledge of PASSHE system policies, procedures and processes to serve us well in this difficult time for higher education. During her two-year term as Interim Provost she will, among many responsibilities, provide continuity and skill in leadership of the restructuring of general education, further development and implementation of learning outcomes assessment, completion of the MSCHE Monitoring Report (due April 1, 2011) and completion of the NCATE accreditation institutional and program reports (due March 15, 2011).

A national search for Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs will begin in September 2010 with an anticipated appointment date of July 1, 2011. The search committee will be convened in spring semester 2010 to discuss search criteria and the position description. It is anticipated that a higher education executive search firm will be contracted to assist in the search and screen process.

- Our art and art history department was recently accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. This accreditation shows that the department meets national standards in the programs we offer, with regard to the content and quality of the programs, the experience of the faculty and safety in the art studio classrooms.

The accreditation process began four years ago and included a self-study and an evaluation by NASAD representatives. Approximately 290 art and art design programs, ranging from liberal arts programs like BU's to large, career-focused institutions, are accredited by NASAD through a peer review process.

- In my June report, I notified the trustees that we had received BOG approval for a Master of Education in school-based speech language pathology. We have now received approval from the PA Department of Education for program modifications to that program. This is as a result of the recent revisions enacted by PDE. The program currently has 26 students enrolled at four sites.
- We signed an agreement with Central Columbia School District that guarantees their senior students admission to BU when they achieve certain criteria of high achievement including; achieving a minimum of 500 verbal and 500 math scores on the SAT, with a combined score of at least 1100 on the verbal and math portions; earn a minimum of 90 percent cumulative grade point average; apply to BU by December 15 of their senior year for admission the following fall, with an early application deadline of November 15<sup>th</sup> for certain health-care related majors. This first agreement of its kind for BU was developed in collaboration with Central Columbia School District.

The guaranteed admission agreement, now also signed with Bloomsburg and Danville School Districts, assures students that working hard in high school will guarantee admission to Bloomsburg University, further solidifying the excellent working relationship we have with our local school districts.

- Dr. Shaheen Awan, Professor of Speech Pathology, was recently named a Fellow by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, one of the highest honors bestowed by this association. This award recognizes professional or scientific achievement and is given to a member who has shown outstanding contributions to the profession.

- Brian Johnson, our director of the Frederick Douglass Institute, recently was awarded the 2009 Philli C. Chinn Book Award for the National Association for Multicultural Education. Brian received the award for his recently co-authored text on diversity, *Reel Diversity: A Teacher's Sourcebook*.
- The Bloomsburg University's Department of Nursing recently held an open house in the student learning laboratory and a special dinner to celebrate the 35 years of undergraduate and 25 years of graduate nursing education. Our nursing programs have historically been one of the most highly sought after programs offered.
- *Spectrum Magazine* was honored, along with the Northeast Pennsylvania Homeless Alliance and AGAPE, for its work with the homeless by the Columbia County Board of Commissioners.
- Kevin Ball, assistant professor in psychology, was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health to study the neural mechanisms in rats.
- We have several new student scholarships to report.

BU's Community Government Association (CGA) recently established a \$250,000 endowed fund to provide scholarships for two students, starting in 2010-11. Awarded on the basis of financial need and good academic and social standing, the scholarships will be renewable as long as students meet the criteria. The scholarships will be funded through proceeds from the rental of CGA-owned Honeysuckle Apartments. Recipients of the new CGA Scholarship will be selected by the CGA president, CGA comptroller and admissions director.

The family of the late H. Preston Herring, BU's long-time Vice President for Student Affairs, has established the H. Preston Herring Student Affairs Scholarship for a student in the counseling/student affairs graduate program. To be eligible, a student must have a grade point average of 3.2 or higher and undergraduate leadership experience in student affairs.

Additionally, a second scholarship, the H. Preston Herring Athletic Scholarship, will be for a student athlete involved in any intercollegiate varsity sport. Applicants must have at least 30 credits and demonstrate integrity, strong academic commitment and leadership qualities.

- We have received a \$500,000 Energy Harvest grant from the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Currently five coal stokers burn 7,000 tons of coal per year to heat 1.5 million square feet of residence halls and academic buildings.

The \$2 million project allows the university to replace one of its 1951 vintage coal stoker boilers with a new, large capacity wood-chip biomass boiler. BU's annual coal consumption is expected to decrease 67 percent with the installation of the biomass boiler, which will take on the majority of the heating plant's workload. As a result, two-thirds of the university's coal-based carbon emissions will be replaced with the clean combustion of carbon neutral biomass. Dr. Nathaniel "Ned" Greene, professor of physics and engineering technology, in collaboration with Eric Milner, wrote and applied for the DEP grant. Burning wood chips also provides an economic advantage. Not only is wood a renewable resource but it is less expensive than coal and natural gas and can be purchased from local suppliers.

- Bloomsburg University played host to trustees from our sister universities and their guests plus the Chancellor and many of his staff in October at the Pennsylvania Association of Councils of Trustees (PACT) semi-annual meeting. We were pleased that many of those more than 100 visitors to BU commented on how beautiful our campus is and the excellent service they received from our staff.
- The office of communications and I have begun a new monthly 30-minute program airing on BUTV. This program's goal is to communicate with students, faculty and staff, informing them of news, events, organizations and other campus activities. Three episodes have aired to date; the first introduced the four Vice President's and what their divisions are responsible for; the second was an interview with Chancellor Cavanaugh and me; the third program highlighted healthy living and featured faculty and staff from the health-related departments on campus including the Rec Center.
- Let me update you on the H1N1 flu as it relates to Bloomsburg University. We had the largest number of flu cases in October. Since the beginning of November, cases have been decreasing however; national health care experts indicate that another wave of this flu will probably occur from January through March.

Our health center distributed 1551 doses of the H1N1 vaccine to students by November 20th. To date, the Student Health Center has documented 212 cases of flu-like illnesses, presumed to be H1N1. All cases have recovered/are recovering.

- All components of BU's emergency notification system – e-mail, voice mail, text messages and campus sirens - were tested on November 20th.

All BU students and registered faculty and staff received a test e-mail message on that date. Test voice mail and text messages were also sent to those who opted to receive notification in these formats. The sirens, installed on Elwell Hall, McCormick Center for Human Services and on the upper campus, are designed to alert the campus community when vital emergency information is available via e-mail, voice mail and text message. BU tests the emergency notification system once each semester.

- Our Supervisory Roundtable sold bag lunches to raise funds for the students who lost belongings in the recent downtown fire. Through the support of our campus community, a donation of \$1,500 was made to the Student Catastrophic Fund.

I also wanted to report that the 28 displaced students from that fire were able to be housed either on or off campus until they secured housing of their own choosing. The campus and the local Bloomsburg community were extremely generous in helping these individuals.

- Earlier in the meeting we recognized our field hockey team and their coach, Jan Hutchinson. Jan was named the 2009 South Region Coach of the Year by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association. Additionally, she was named the PSAC Eastern Division Coach of the Year.

Anthony Smith, a linebacker on our football team, has been named the 2009 PSAC Eastern Division Defense Player of the Year. In addition, 11 other Huskies received All-Conference honors.

BU football quarterback, Dan Latorre, has been named to the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District II football first team. Dan, who is in his first semester as a graduate student, graduated in August with a 3.69 grade-point-average while triple majoring in Finance, Business Management and French.

- We have two new members associated with the Advancement Division. Jerome Dvorak started, in late summer, as Managing Director of the BU Foundation. He has 20 + years in banking and financial-related industries. Jerome's higher education experience encompasses several capacities including as a volunteer board member, Trustee and Interim Alumni Director at Juniata College, his alma mater.

Mr. Tom Ruhl will join us next week as Director of Development. Tom's higher education development experience includes management at all

levels within University Advancement. During his ten year career at Lycoming College, he held the positions of Vice President for College Advancement, Development Officer, Director of Major Gifts and Director of Gift Planning. Additionally, Tom, a 1978 BU graduate, has served on our Alumni Board for several years.

- We acknowledged a retired faculty member this morning and since the president officially grants faculty emeriti status, I want to mention in this report the professor who has been awarded that distinction by me. Congratulations to Dr. David Minderhout.
- Finally, I have convened a core committee to begin work on the next Bloomsburg University strategic plan. This committee has representation from faculty, students, each of our four divisions; academics, university advancement, administration & finance, student affairs; our BU Alumni Board, our BU Foundation. I have also asked Bloomsburg Mayor Dan Knorr to join the group and represent the community perspective.

As part of the planning process, we will be reviewing the university's strengths, weaknesses and opportunities and developing current mission and vision statements.

We will fully engage the entire campus and greater Bloomsburg communities in the planning process during Spring Semester 2010. My goal is to have a plan ready for adoption at the June 2010 Council of Trustees meeting.