



**COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 2014**

The Bloomsburg University Council of Trustees met in the Assembly Room of Montys at 10:45 a.m. Those in attendance:

Present:

Dr. Robert Dampman, Chair
Mrs. Ramona Alley, Vice Chair
Mr. Patrick Wilson, Secretary
Judge Mary Jane Bowes
Mr. LaRoy Davis
Dr. Joseph Mowad
Ms. Shannon Phillips
Mr. Ken Stolarick
Ms. Nancy Vasta
Secretary John Wetzel

Absent:

Mr. Charles Schlegel

University Personnel

Dr. David Soltz, President
Dr. Ira Blake, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Dione Somerville, Vice President for Student Affairs
Mr. John Loonan, Vice President for Administration and Finance
Mr. Erik Evans, Vice President for University Advancement
Ms. Brenda Cromley, Executive Assistant to the President
Ms. Jennifer Williams, Administrative Assistant, President's Office

Council of Trustees Advisors

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

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, 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 Alley, seconded by Trustee Davis, and unanimously carried that the December 4, 2013 minutes be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Introductions

Trustee Dampman introduced Dr. Christine Sperling who was recently granted Emeritus status. Professor Vince Hron, Chair of the Department of Art and Art History, spoke on behalf of their department to express reasons for nominating Dr. Sperling.

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

President's Report

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

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Trustee Dampman called on Dr. Dione Somerville, Vice President of Student Affairs, to lead discussion on the Student Affairs section of the agenda.

Room and Board Fees

Trustee Bowes made a motion to approve a room fee increase of \$134/semester and board fee increase of \$23/semester (combined \$157) for the 2014-2015 academic year (\$3,937 total per year). Seconded by Trustee Davis. Unanimous approval.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Trustee Dampman recognized Mr. John Loonan, 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 Stolarick and unanimously carried, to approve purchasing activity under Act 188 in excess of \$10,000 for November 1, 2013 to January 31, 2014.

Delinquent Student Accounts

Trustee Davis made a motion to write-off delinquent student accounts, seconded by Trustee Alley. Unanimous approval.

Proposed Fee Schedule 2014-2015

Trustee Davis made a motion to accept the fee schedule for 2014-2015, including the increased transportation fee of \$20/semester. Seconded by Trustee Bowes. Unanimous approval.

Campus Master Plan

Trustee Davis made the following motion:

I move that the University accept the Bloomsburg University campus master plan dated February 28, 2014 as developed and completed by Stantec Architecture, Inc., and further that this Plan be used as the guidance document for future campus facilities planning and construction.

Seconded by Trustee Alley. Unanimous approval.

Andruss Extension

Trustee Davis made the following motion:

I move that the University begin the process to develop a new location for the Campus telephone switch, alternate computer backup servers, and University Police department through the design and construction of an Andruss building extension built to have independent mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and emergency power systems from the Andruss building proper.

Seconded by Trustee Phillips. Unanimous approval.

OTHER BUSINESS

Presidential Evaluation

Trustee Dampman read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Council of Trustees, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE), has conducted an formal review of President David L. Soltz; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Trustees has discussed Bloomsburg University's performance in detail with President Soltz; and

WHEREAS, President Soltz demonstrates very effective leadership, is recognized as being a strong ambassador for Bloomsburg University, both locally and nationally, manages fiscal responsibility in a challenging economic environment while enhancing academic excellence; 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, and c) enthusiastically recommends the extension of President David L. Soltz's contract with PASSHE.

Seconded by Trustee Alley. Unanimous approval.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

"Equity Scorecard: Enhancing Access, Retention, Excellence and Graduation" – presentation

Trustee Dampman introduced Dr. Ira Blake, Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs to present the information item.

Dr. Blake introduced Dr. Irvin Wright, Associate Dean for Academic Advisement and Diversity and Retention. Dr. Wright described a major university effort to contribute to life, productivity, leadership and community to the Commonwealth of PA. There are many challenges regarding recruitment and enrollment, retention and graduation through the equity scorecard process. There is a challenge in the number of PA high school graduates (both African American and Latino) compared to the number who actually enroll at Bloomsburg University.

Bloomsburg University is a part of the PASSHE partnership with Access to Success and the Center for Urban Education. The goals are to: Increase the number of graduates in the state to ensure those graduates more broadly represent the state's high school graduates and to cut the college-going (access) and graduation (success) gaps for both low-income and minority students in half by 2017.

A copy of Dr. Wright's presentation can be requested by contacting Jennifer Williams in the President's office.

Winter Session Update

Dr. Blake introduced Mr. Tom Fletcher, Associate Vice President and Dean of Extended Programs. Mr. Fletcher gave a background on Bloomsburg University's first winter session. Courses offered included both online as well as face to face courses. Credits were limited to three (3) for the session. Courses were identified based on student needs, bottleneck courses during the academic year, courses with a high withdrawal rate, and programmatic need and college/institutional strategic goals.

There were 517 students enrolled, 1,516 student credit hours generated, 101.87 F.T.E. enrollment, and 531 course enrollments. Students enrolled were mostly undergraduate (94%), with the following breakdown:

- Senior – 46%
- Junior – 27%
- Sophomore – 16%
- Freshman – 11%

Net revenue for winter session was \$262,591. Overall, students had a very positive experience to help them graduate earlier or on time, “catch up” with credits, or enrolling in a required class for their major. Students liked the small class size, focusing on only one class, shorter time period – 18 days for one class, and the convenience of the online courses.

A copy of Mr. Fletcher’s presentation can be requested by contacting Jennifer Williams in the President’s office.

Nominating Committee

Trustee Dampman reported a nominating committee must be appointed who, at the June meeting, will present a slate of officers for the Council of Trustees for the 2014-2016 fiscal years. The following trustees have agreed to serve on the committee:

- Mrs. Ramona Alley, Chair
- Mr. Lee Davis
- Dr. Joseph Mowad

Adjournment

With no other items to be presented to the Council, Trustee Dampman adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m. by a motion from Trustee Davis, second by Trustee Vasta. Unanimous approval.



Patrick W. Wilson
Secretary



Jennifer D. Williams
Administrative Assistant

BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
Bloomsburg, PA17815

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

March 5, 2014

Since the Council of Trustees last met, we had a successful graduate and undergraduate commencement in December in which 486 students received Bachelor Degrees and 73 students received Master's Degrees along with seven doctoral candidates.

Here are some additional highlights since the December Trustees meeting.

- Throughout this year, Bloomsburg University will be celebrating a milestone — our 175th anniversary. We have many events planned for our campus and community including faculty lectures, a special Celebrity Artist Series concert, a presidential gala dinner, a book on the university history and much more. We produced a limited edition 2014 calendar with some wonderful photos throughout the years. The current edition of *Bloomsburg, The University Magazine*, focuses solely on our 175-year history.

Bloomsburg University's 175th anniversary will also be featured on the website of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) as part of the organization's Founding Celebrations project. Along with a section of AASCU's website, Bloomsburg will be highlighted with a banner on homepage. AASCU's website is aascu.org.

I hope you are able to join us for some of the events we have planned.

- The College of Liberal Arts will hold its third annual *A Taste of the Arts* in downtown Bloomsburg on Saturday, March 8. This event is organized by our Center for Visual and Performing Arts. Students and faculty in the art and art history, English, and music, theatre and dance departments showcase their talents for the hundreds of people in attendance throughout the three-hour program. This very successful free event has been enthusiastically received by the community.

- On February 15 and 16, The Bloomsburg University Speech and Debate Team hosted the Pennsylvania State Speech and Debate Championship Tournament. Students from Bloomsburg University, West Chester University, St. Joseph's University, Lafayette College, Wilkes University, and Cedar Crest College competed in various speaking, debate, and oral interpretation of literature events.
- The Reading Program at Bloomsburg University has received National Recognition from the International Reading Association, through the Specialized Program Association (SPA) Report process through CAEP (Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation) (formerly NCATE). Programs which receive the designation of Nationally Recognized substantially meet professional standards as documented through a performance-based assessment system. I would like to especially recognize Dr. Virginia Bonomo and Dr. Cherie Roberts, who have diligently worked toward this accomplishment. This is the first time that Bloomsburg University's Reading Program has received this designation.

Also receiving National Recognition through CAEP for the first time was Bloomsburg's mid-level education program, which prepares future educators to teach students in fourth through eighth grades. This program was recognized by the Association for Mid-Level Education.

- The Teaching Excellence Academy, presented by our TALE (Teaching and Learning Enhancement Center) director, Dr. Lisa Stallbaumer-Beishline, held a week-long series of professional development workshops during winter session. This Academy offers intensive exploration on the theory and practice of university teaching. Academic fellows are expected to apply what they learn to their own teaching along with providing leadership and expertise to their colleagues.
- The College of Education received a \$2.2 million grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education titled *Pre-Service Differently*. Bloomsburg University's College of Education will work to improve field experiences at all levels through its program with this grant. We will be able to provide specific professional development for our cooperating teachers in the area of academic coaching.
- The McDowell Institute was awarded a subcontract on a grant of approximately \$863,000 from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMSA). The purpose of the grant, entitled *Safe Schools/Healthy Students Project*, is to develop exemplary safe and supportive schools and communities. This goal is to decrease bullying, youth violence and criminal behavior by promoting healthy development,

social and emotional learning, and academic achievement of children and youth in schools and communities throughout Pennsylvania.

- Andy Rector, a digital forensics major, finished within the top 10 percent in the world in the DC3 Digital Forensics Challenge — a 10-month international competition with civilian and corporate competitors, as well as students. Varying levels of digital forensics challenges were featured in the competition. The online competition, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense, was conducted with multi-level exercises from novice to developer. Participants had to solve 26 scenario-based exercises through investigative forensics tools, techniques and methodologies.
- The annual Martin Luther King Jr. commemoration featured Myrlie Evers-Williams, widow of slain Mississippi civil rights activist Medgar Evers. She spoke on *Tomorrow's Leaders: Their Voices, Our Journey* to 300 students, campus and community members. Ms. Evers-Williams founded the Medgar Evers Institute to promote education, training and economic development while exposing new generations of students to the cause of civic engagement and social justice. This event provides students, faculty, staff and community members the opportunity to hear a rich variety of speakers or entertainment to celebrate Reverend King's legacy and Black History Month.
- Senior, Franklyn Quiteh became the second Harlon Hill Award winner in our school history in December. The Harlon Hill Award is given to the nation's top NCAA Division II football player as selected in a vote by the sports information directors at the 169 schools competing in Division II football. Franklyn finished the 2013 season as the leading rusher in the country and is the second all-time Division II rusher.
- Another member of the BU football team, place kicker Dan Fisher, was featured in the latest edition of the *NCAA Magazine* and previously featured in a report on CBS Sports.com. At the start of the 2013 season, Dan pledged to raise money for the Angelman Syndrome Foundation in honor of a family friend who suffers from Angelman Syndrome. Dan received donations for every field goal and extra point he made raising \$6,600.

In other athletic news, we are in the midst of PSAC championships.

Our men and women's swim teams finished second and fourth, respectively, in their PSAC meets. The men's and women's track and field teams competed in the PSAC Indoor Championships this past weekend. They look forward to improving on their finishes in the Outdoor

Championships.

The BU women's basketball team continues its climb up the national rankings, now at No. 14 in the latest USA Today Sports Division-II Top 25. The national ranking is the highest for the Huskies women's basketball program since 2002. The team finished as the PSAC East crown champion for the regular season.

- A downtown parking study, funded by the Bloomsburg University Foundation, is being completed by our Center for Community Research. This is a study to understand and assess the need for additional parking in the downtown. Our students and faculty, with town guidance and support, are mapping traffic and parking patterns. This is an excellent collaborative initiative that provides "real life" opportunities for our students and assists the Town of Bloomsburg. The study, like the Greenly Center, is prime example of a convergence of Bloomsburg University and the Foundation working with the community to solve or assess an issue.
- The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) is a PA tax credit program that allows corporations to donate their tax dollars to programs that improve K through 12 education. The Bloomsburg University Foundation has been approved to serve as a conduit for corporations that want to take advantage of the tax credit dollars. Initially, we have chosen to target monies for funding scholarships for the STEM pilot program. Gifted high school students attend college-level courses and receive college credits. Our STEM program serves a need locally as school districts may not have enough funds to support advanced STEM courses in high school and more graduates with higher level technical skills may choose to remain in the region for work.
- The Trash to Treasure event was held on campus in January in the Kehr Union Ballroom. This semi-annual event raised \$8,326 for the local United Way. The next Trash to Treasure event will be held in mid-May.
- We acknowledged a retired faculty member this morning and since the president grants faculty emeritus status, I want to officially congratulate Dr. Christine Sperling from the Department of Art and Art History.
- I also want to add my congratulations to our new student trustee, Shannon Phillips. Shannon and I have already established regular meeting schedules for this semester and I look forward to gathering her input from a student perspective.



COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2014

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

In person:

Dr. Robert Dampman, Chair
Mr. LaRoy Davis
Mrs. Ramona Alley, Vice Chair
Dr. Joseph Mowad
Ms. Shannon Phillips
Mr. Charles Schlegel
Mr. Ken Stolarick
Secretary John Wetzel
Mr. Patrick Wilson

Absent:

Judge Mary Jane Bowes
Ms. Nancy Vasta

University Personnel:

Dr. David Soltz, President
Dr. Ira Blake, Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs
Dr. Dione Somerville, Vice President for Student Affairs
Mr. John Loonan, Vice President for Administration and Finance
Mr. Erik Evans, Vice President for University Advancement
Ms. Brenda Cromley, Executive Assistant to the President
Ms. Jennifer Williams, Administrative Assistant, President's Office

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Dr. Stephen Kokoska, President, APSCUF (not present)
Mr. Shawn Makar, President, AFSCME (not present)
Ms. Gretchen Osterman, Bloomsburg Chapter of SCUPA (not present)
Ms. Justine Albright, President, CGA (not present)
Mr. David Stover, University Counsel (not present)

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, 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 real estate issues as well as conducted the annual inspection of the facilities which included a tour of the Upper Campus - Stadium Field and Forestry Building, and the Lower Campus - Student Recreation Center, Andruss Library, Warren Student Services Center, the McCormick Center for Human Services Building, Columbia Residence Hall, the electrical substation, steam plant building, Carver Building, and Scranton Commons.

Minutes of the Council of Trustees

A motion was made by Trustee Alley, seconded by Trustee Davis, and unanimously carried that the March 5, 2014 minutes be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Introductions

Trustee Dampman introduced those in the audience who were either nominated or granted Emeritus status: Dr. William Green, Dr. Howard Schreier, Dr. Pamela Wynn, Ms. Carol Arnold, Ms. Vickey Rainis, and Ms. Heather Sobolesky. Individuals spoke on behalf of their respective departments to express reasons for nominating the individuals.

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

PRESIDENT

Non Instructional Emeritus

On a motion by Trustee Alley, seconded by Trustee Wilson, Non Instructional Emeritus status was unanimously approved for Ms. Carol Arnold, Ms. Vickey Rainis, and Ms. Heather Sobolesky.

President's Report

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

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Action items:

Dr. Dampman introduced Mr. John Loonan, Vice President of Administration and Finance, to lead discussion of the General Administration section of the agenda.

Resolution for the Inspection of Facilities

Trustee Davis 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 11, 2014 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 Upper Campus - Stadium Field and Forestry Building, and the Lower Campus - Student Recreation Center, Andruss Library, Warren Student Services Center, the McCormick Center for Human Services Building, Columbia Residence Hall, the electrical substation, steam plant building, Carver Building, and Scranton Commons.

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 State System of Higher Education.

Second by Trustee Ken Stolarick. Unanimous approval.

Compliance Certification

Trustee Davis made a motion to approve the following resolution:

The Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, upon recommendation of the president, hereby certifies, as per Board of Governors' Policy 1985-04-A, that the following affiliated entities make a financial contribution to the University or provide similar benefits on a regular basis, satisfactory to this Council of Trustees and to the president.

- Community Government Association of Bloomsburg University, Inc. and Subsidiaries
- Bloomsburg University Foundation, Inc. and Subsidiary
- Husky Research Corporation, Inc.

The Council of Trustees also certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, the affiliated entities are in compliance with Board of Governors' Policy 1985-04-A, in that they exist solely for the benefit of the University; the expectations of the relationship between the University and the affiliated entity are memorialized in current, executed Memoranda of Understanding; and the affiliated entities require an annual external audit of their

funds and provide copies of their audit reports to the University and the Office of the Chancellor.

The Council of Trustees also certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, no University employee serves as a voting member of the Board of these affiliated entities, nor does any employee of the University risk adverse interest through service to or relationship with an affiliated entity.

Seconded by Trustee Joseph Mowad. Unanimous approval.

Approval of Purchasing Activity

Trustee Davis made a motion, seconded by Trustee Wetzel and unanimously carried, to approve purchasing activity under Act 188 in excess of \$10,000 for February 1, 2014 to April 30, 2014.

Waller Building Expansion Project

Trustee Davis moved that the University commit \$12 million of existing institutional funds to expand the Commonwealth Capital Program funded Waller renovation project contingent upon PASSHE Board of Governors approval of bond funding the campus steam plant renovation and upgrade project. Expansion of the Waller project aligns with the recently approved Facilities Campus Master Plan by combining key student support and administrative services in a centralized location, providing cost and operational efficiencies, and creating flexibility for the future development of the Warren Student Services site.

Seconded by Trustee Wilson. Unanimous approval.

Capital Project Request

Mr. Eric Ness, Assistant Vice President of Facilities Management, reviewed the 2014-2015 to 2018-2019 Capital Project Request with Trustees. On a motion by Trustee Charles Schlegel, and seconded by Trustee Davis, the following projects were unanimously approved.

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| 1. McCormick Renovation | <u>Anticipated Funding</u>
FY 2018-2019 |
| 2. Facilities Maintenance Building Relocation | not in the 5 year program |

Bond Funding of Steam Plant

Trustee Ken Stolarick made a motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania has demonstrated a need for the renovation and upgrade of the campus steam plant, and

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

WHEREAS, the Council of Trustees will ensure that funding will be available 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 and upgrade of the campus steam plant; and further do hereby authorize the President of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania to affix our signature to a standard Loan Covenant Agreement for financing the project.

Seconded by Trustee Davis. Unanimously approved.

Magee Center Demolition

Trustee Ken Stolarick made a motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Bloomsburg University Magee Center sustained substantial physical damage from the September 2011 Fishing Creek flood event only 5 years from the previous flood event in 2006, and

WHEREAS, the projected building restoration costs from flood damage are in excess of \$700,000, and

WHEREAS, the Magee Center is situated in the Fishing Creek flood plain, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bloomsburg, through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding, removed almost all the adjacent West Main St. 900 block flood plain housing units, and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau for Historic Preservation has completed their required review and accepted the mitigation documentation measures as submitted by FEMA on August 1, 2013, and

WHEREAS, FEMA has accepted the demolition of the Magee Center building for funding as an alternative project

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Council of Trustees, recommend demolishing of the Magee Center building and that the University submit the request for demolition via the PASSHE System to the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education.

Seconded by Trustee Davis. Unanimous approval.

Construction Update

Mr. Eric Ness, Assistant Vice President of Facilities Management, provided a construction update to the Trustees. (see attached for a copy of the presentation).

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Student Code of Conduct

Dr. Dione Somerville reviewed the proposed changes to the Student Code of Conduct with the Trustees. Legal Counsel has reviewed and verified it meets standards. On a motion by Trustee Phillips, seconded by Trustee Alley, the Student Code of Conduct was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nominating Committee

Trustee Dampman called upon Trustee Alley to present the committee's recommendation for a slate of officers for the 2014-2016 fiscal years. Trustee Alley made a motion to accept the following:

Mr. Patrick Wilson - Chair
Judge Mary Jane Bowes – Vice Chair
Ms. Nancy Vasta – Secretary

Second by Trustee Davis. Abstaining: Trustee Wilson

Motion approved.

Trustee Resolutions

Trustee Alley made a motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert N. Dampman has served honorably as a member of the Bloomsburg University Council of Trustees since 2003 and during his tenure on the Council provided leadership as Chairman from 2010 to 2014; 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 of science in Social Studies degree in education in 1965; 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.

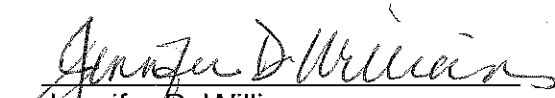
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be made a part of the official minutes of the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University and that a copy be presented to Dr. Robert N. Dampman.

Adjournment

With no other items to be presented to the Council, and on a motion made by Trustee Wilson, second by Trustee Mowad, and unanimously approved, Trustee Dampman adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.



Patrick Wilson
Secretary



Jennifer D. Williams
Administrative Assistant

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

June 11, 2014

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

- On Friday evening, May 9, 186 students received degrees during our graduate commencement in Haas Center for the Arts, Mitrani Hall.

For the first time in University history, we held three undergraduate ceremonies on the Academic Quadrangle on Saturday, May 10 for the more than 1,400 graduates and their guests. The increased number of graduates necessitated adjusting to three ceremonies in order to provide student families and guests with enough available seating. Each commencement ceremony featured a Bloomsburg University alumnus as speaker.

- Two Colleges, the College of Business and the College of Education, held their ceremonies at 9:00 a.m. with 503 graduates receiving degrees. Michael Gillespie, a 1995 graduate and member of the BU Foundation Board of Directors, gave the commencement address.

- At noon, the College of Science and Technology held their ceremony for 390 graduates. Duane Greenly, a 1972 alumnus spoke. Mr. Greenly is vice chair of the BU Foundation.

- Our largest commencement ceremony was held at 3:00 p.m. for the College of Liberal Arts where 516 students received degrees. Trustee John Wetzel, a 1998 BU graduate, gave the commencement address.

The last several years we have been live-streaming the ceremonies. The total viewership statistics for May's ceremonies show that there were 2,100 viewers with 780 "live" views and the remaining viewers chose to watch the ceremonies at a time of their choosing.

We will be reviewing the many components of commencement and determining if we need to make any adjustments to continue using the three commencement ceremony format.

- Bloomsburg University recently signed an articulation agreement with the Reading Area Community College (RACC) to bring BU's Bachelor of Applied Science in Technical Leadership to RACC students. This agreement mirrors the one we currently have with Lehigh Carbon Community College. Reading Area Community College students, who complete the requirements for an Associate of Applied Science degree at RACC may enter into our Bachelor of Applied Science in Technical Leadership degree program, completing the degree requirements on RACC's campus or online.

The April 16th ceremony also featured a panel discussion which included Governor Corbett, PASSHE Board of Governors Chair, Guido Pichini, PA Labor and Industry Secretary Julia Hearthway, RACC president, Dr. Anna Weitz and me on the topic of *Delivering the Workforce Necessary for the 21st Century*.

- The Middle States Commission on Higher Education Periodic Review Report (PRR), our mid-decennial accreditation report, was submitted on May 27, 2014. Dr. Sheila Dove Jones, Assistant Vice President, Planning and Assessment and Dr. John Riley, Professor, Department of Mathematics, Computer Science, and Statistics, served as co-chairs. For the past two years, Dr. Jones and Dr. Riley, working with members of the PRR Committee, comprised of Bloomsburg University faculty and staff, and many other contributors, to write the comprehensive and positive accounting of BU's characteristics of excellence. After receiving comments from Middle States on August 1st, Bloomsburg University must submit a written response to Middle States by September 1st. The Middle States PRR is available on the BU Middle States Webpage.
- Our Strategic Planning and Resource Council (SPARC) received seven faculty or staff initial proposals for the 2014-15 President's Strategic Planning Grants. Six individuals or teams have been selected to proceed to the next step of preparing full proposals for their projects. Those projects focus on:
 - A Comprehensive Professional Development Program of the College of Liberal Arts
 - Development of the BU Center for Leadership and Engagement
 - Establishing a real-time water quality monitoring station for Fishing Creek
 - Developing a model program to attract quality STEM transfer students from community colleges
 - Continuing/expanded support for The Center for Visual and Performing Arts
 - Developing a Husky Sports Leadership Academy

- Two Bloomsburg University Odyssey of the Mind teams competed and won at the World's Finals at Iowa State University in May. One of our BU student teams won a second or silver place award while our other BU team placed fourth.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and World level. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 other countries participate in the program.

- Professors Mehdi Razzaghi and Michael Hickey were granted Fulbright Senior Specialist Fellowships to conduct research overseas. Dr. Razzaghi's sabbatical will take place during the 2014-15 academic year at the University of Warsaw in Poland while Dr. Hickey will spend several weeks in Smolensk, Russia where he will continue research on local Jewish history, lecture at Smolensk State University and work with the history faculty.

The Fulbright Specialist Program promotes connections between U.S. faculty and professionals and their counterparts at host institutions overseas.

- In the fall of 2013, a new, externally funded College-wide business case competition was launched. The Ziegler Case Competition was held on April 26, 2014, with six student teams from sections of our COB capstone Business Policies course. Alumni, business representatives, and I served as judges. This semester the students analyzed a case on the Google organization. Top finishers received cash awards.
- The Center for Leadership and Engagement opened in the fall of 2013, with a goal of integrating intentional leadership development and practice into the campus culture in support of organizational effectiveness, community engagement and social justice. In its' first year 522 students enrolled in the Leadership Certification Program Level I with almost half of those students now working on the certification process for Level II. In addition, the Center organized and sponsored 95 educational workshops in the areas of self-assessment, leadership development, Good Work, communication and conflict management, critical thinking, problem solving and public speaking as part of the requirements for the successful completion of Level I.

- Bloomsburg University, along with its sister PASSHE institutions, participated in an 'advocacy day' at the Capitol in April. Students met with legislators to talk about their college experiences and how important the education they are receiving is to them, to their families, and to the future of the Commonwealth. The BU group travelling to Harrisburg consisted of Trustee and alumnus, John Wetzel, our student Trustee, Shannon Phillips, recent graduate Franklin Quiteh, Jim Hollister, alumnus and Assistant Vice President for External Relations, and me. PASSHE students are wonderful ambassadors for our universities as they can talk about their educational experiences in a way no one else can.
- Pennsylvania's Secretary of Labor and Industry, Julia Hearthway, visited Bloomsburg University on April 9 to unveil JobGateway, a website developed by the Department of Labor and Industry. She met with a student focus group to gather feedback before the site was rolled out. JobGateway uses technology to connect job seekers with openings, and is aimed especially at those new to the job market. I have sent an electronic communication to our May graduates informing them of this Commonwealth resource.
- This summer the Scranton Commons will undergo a 1.5 million dollar renovation and refresh to the dining rooms. The renovations will offer students a substantially different dining atmosphere, to include new lighting, wall colors, flooring and seating options.
- On Saturday, March 29 the Community Government Association sponsored the fifth annual Big Event for the Town of Bloomsburg. More than 2,000 student volunteers representing Greek Life, athletics and many student organizations visited more than 160 individual homes, job sites and community locations to assist in various clean up and repair projects. This one-day community service event is a way to say "thank you" to Bloomsburg area businesses and residents.
- Our fourth annual Springfest was held in early April. The two-day event began on Friday night, April 11, with Musicfest, a showcase of student musicians and local bands. The next day, Nelson Field House and the Student Recreation Center were the locations for games, sports and other activities. Springfest is open to students and the local community. Attendance last year was 899 and this year the participants exceeded 1,350.
- "Thank a Donor" week was held in April. This stewardship activity was an opportunity to educate BU students about the importance of philanthropy as well as provide them the opportunity to express their appreciation to our donors through personalized video messages, handwritten notes and

signing a poster that will travel from event to event over the coming year. Hundreds of BU students participated in acknowledging our donors and at the same time learned more about the importance of philanthropy.

- We have a number of items of interest associated with our Athletic Department:

- Five Bloomsburg University coaches were all named PSAC Coach of the Year in their respective sports at the annual PSAC Board of Directors lunch meeting. They are:
 - Bill Cleary (women's basketball)
 - Mike Collins (baseball)
 - Marty Coyne (women's tennis)
 - Paul Darragh (football)
 - Stu Marvin (men's swimming)

- Three Huskies have the opportunity to join former standout and now New Orleans Saints all-pro Jahri Evans in the National Football League. Larry Webster, former basketball and football standout, was drafted in the 4th round by the Detroit Lions. Larry was the second highest NFL draft selection in school history behind only Jahri Evans. The Dallas Cowboys inked Brian Clarke to a free agent contract while the Houston Texans signed Matt Feiler.

- During the PSAC championship, the men's and women's swimming teams wrapped up successful weekends with a second place finish for the men and fourth place for the women.

- The BU women's basketball team climbed to its highest national ranking since 2002 following an NCAA Regional Final berth.

- Track standout and graduate with a bachelor's and master's degree, Vicki Davis earned Capital One/CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) Academic All-America District 2 track and field/cross country first team honors, capping a tremendous career in maroon and gold. It is the second straight year Davis has captured Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-District first team accolades.

- Bloomsburg sports information director Tom McGuire has been named the ECAC-SIDA's (Eastern College Athletic Conference-Sports Information Directors Association) 2014 University Division Irving T. Marsh Award

recipient. The award is presented annually to one who has exhibited excellence in the field of sports information. The award was first presented in 1966 and it is named after Irving Marsh, the ECAC Service Bureau founder and director until his retirement in 1973. McGuire also was recognized yesterday in Orlando, Fla., by CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) on the occasion of his 25th year in the field of sports information.

- Components of BU's emergency notification system – e-mail, voice mail, text messages and campus sirens - were tested on March 25th and worked effectively.

All students and registered faculty and staff, who opted to receive notification in these formats, received a test e-mail message and text messages. 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.

- Bloomsburg University held its semi-annual "Trash to Treasure" event in May to support the Columbia County United Way. I'm pleased to report that donations are \$6,400. The January event raised \$8,600.
- It is my pleasure to report that 27 faculty earned promotions effective the fall semester of 2014; 17 from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor and 10 from Associate Professor to full Professor. Additionally, 17 faculty received tenure.
- We recognized six retired staff and faculty this morning and since the president officially grants faculty emeriti status, I want to congratulate Dr. William Green, Dr. Howard Schreier and Dr. Pamela Wynn. My congratulations also go to our three newest non-instructional emerita, Carol Arnold, Vickey Rainis and Heather Sobolesky.



**COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2014**

The Bloomsburg University Council of Trustees met in the Assembly Room of Montys at 10:45 a.m. Those in attendance:

In person:

Mr. Patrick Wilson, Chair
Judge Mary Jane Bowes, Vice Chair
Nancy Vasta, Secretary
Dr. Robert Dampman
Mr. LaRoy Davis
Mrs. Ramona Alley
Mr. Charles Schlegel
Mr. Ken Stolarick
Ms. Shannon Phillips

Absent:

Dr. Joseph Mowad, Secretary John Wetzel

University Personnel

Dr. David Soltz, President
Dr. Ira Blake, Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs
Dr. Dione Somerville, Vice President for Student Affairs
Mr. John Loonan, Vice President for Administration and Finance
Mr. Erik Evans, Vice President for University Advancement
Ms. Brenda Cromley, Executive Assistant to the President
Ms. Jennifer Williams, Administrative Assistant, President's Office

Council of Trustees Advisors

Dr. Stephen Kokoska, President, APSCUF (not present)
Mr. Shawn Makar, President, AFSCME (not present)
Ms. Gretchen Osterman, Bloomsburg Chapter of SCUPA (not present)
Ms. Justine Albright, President, CGA
Mr. David Stover, University Counsel (not present)

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 Wilson, 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 real estate and personnel issues.

Minutes of the Council of Trustees

A motion was made by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Schlegel, and unanimously carried that the June 11, 2014 minutes be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Introductions

Trustee Wilson introduced Mr. Samuel Haynes and Mr. Angelo Venditti who were nominated for Non-Instructional Emeritus status. Mr. Tom Phillips, Director of University Safety and Police spoke on behalf of the English department to express reason for nominating Mr. Haynes and Mr. Venditti.

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

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.

TRUSTEES

Non Instructional Emeritus

On a motion by Trustee Alley, seconded by Trustee Davis, Non Instructional Emeritus status was unanimously approved for Samuel Haynes and Angelo Venditti.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Action items:

Trustee Wilson introduced Mr. John Loonan, 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 Schlegel and unanimously carried, to approve purchasing activity under Act 188 in excess of \$10,000 for May 1, 2013 to July 31, 2014.

Budget Approval 2014-15 and 2015-16

Trustee Davis made a motion, seconded by Trustee Stolarick and unanimously carried to approve the 2014-15 and 2015-16 budget submission.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Resolution for Construction of Student Housing and Loan Covenant Agreement

Trustee Wilson called upon Trustee Dampman to read the following motion:

WHEREAS, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania has demonstrated a need for the construction of new student housing, 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 construction of a new student housing and mixed services facility and authorize permission to develop architectural designs for the facility, and further do hereby authorize the President of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania to affix our signature to a standard Loan Covenant Agreement for financing the project.

Seconded by Trustee Davis. Unanimously approved.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Faculty Professional Development

Dr. Ira Blake introduced Dr. Robert Gates, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research. Dr. Gates introduced Dr. John Hranitz, Interim Director of Office of Research and Development and Dr. Joseph Hazzard, Chair, Institutional Review Board and Research Integrity Officer. He also recognized Dr. Sheila Dove Jones from the department of Assessment, who was unable to be here.

Dr. Gates reviewed Strategic Issue #1: Enhance Academic Excellence. Professional growth and development will be directed primarily through the offices of the Graduate Dean and Research. The Graduate School and Research office oversees a variety of programs:

- Teaching and Learning Enhancement (TALE) www.bloomu.edu/tale
- Frederick Douglass Scholars
www.bloomu.edu/frederick_douglass/scholars
- Faculty Professional Development Travel
- New Faculty Orientation
- New Faculty Institute
- Support for Continuing Faculty

Dr. Hazzard reviewed the importance of the Teacher-Scholar Model for Bloomsburg University. Through the acquisition of IRB Manager, transition from paper to electronic research proposals were enabled which increased efficiency, accountability, and awareness.

CompetitionSpace is used centered around grants management and support. It is a solution for grant competitions and funding, provides internal funding opportunities and is tailored to institutional needs. It allows for automated comment and approvals and includes "closing report" accountability.

Dr. John Hranitz spoke on the Office of Research and Sponsored programs. The functions of the office include: Pre-award support for grant writing, Post-award contracts, funding initiatives, managing the Husky Research Corporation, assisting with compliance, Faculty on-campus grant programs and Professional Development Workshops to develop skills.

The Center for Undergraduate Research focuses on the Undergraduate Research Scholarship and Creative Activities Award, innovated the Jessica and Stephen Kozloff Undergraduate Mentorship, implemented undergraduate research training, and support for student professional development. Faculty on-campus grants are available as well as external grants.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Information item:

Fall Enrollment and Housing Update

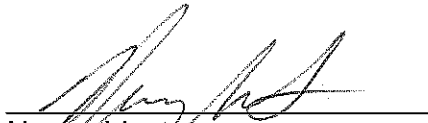
Trustee Wilson introduced Dr. Dione Somerville, Vice President of Student Affairs who presented. Dr. Somerville reviewed the Fall 2014 Goal/Opening day, indicating we are slightly below the 2014 goal for full time enrollment. We have increased our number of applications and offers while maintaining a steady yield. She reviewed the 2014 Minority Enrollment summary, which also indicates an increase in numbers. Based on the decreased in enrollment, the numbers of triples has decreased as well.


OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Wilson called to the attention of the trustees the 2014-2015 committee appointments included in their packets.

Adjournment

With no other items to be presented to the Council, and on a motion made by Trustee Davis, second by Trustee Mowad, and unanimously approved, Trustee Dampman adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.


Nancy Vasta
Secretary


Jennifer D. Williams
Administrative Assistant

BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

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

September 17, 2014

- The Electronics Engineering Technology Program in the College of Science and Technology recently received reaccreditation for 6-years, the maximum allowed by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). The program was re-accredited with no deficiencies or weaknesses. This program has doubled enrollment over the last 5 years and with total enrollment topping 100 students for the coming academic year.
- The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has approved a new certification for the College of Education – the undergraduate hearing impaired and pre K-4 dual program certificate. We are the only institution in Pennsylvania to offer deaf education and pre K-4 certificate at the undergraduate level.

Students who complete the certification will be certified to teach young students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Previously, novice teachers were required to pursue separate certifications in deaf education and early childhood. The new certification leads to a bachelor's degree in hearing impaired and pre K-4 dual program.

- The second annual Educational Pathways Initiative was conducted this summer for rising seniors of the Allentown School District. With the initial financial support from a Presidential Strategic Planning Grant in 2013, the program serves high academic achievers of the school district, in hopes of attracting this student audience to our campus, and working to increase the number of underrepresented minority students as part of enrollment management initiatives.

The students completed a two-week residential experience that included activities focusing on academic, social, and emotional adjustment to college. The students completed three experiential learning components in the STEM areas that included digital forensics, chemistry and biology. The program also included tours of the town of Bloomsburg and surrounding areas, and an educational trip to Washington, D.C. A total of 19 students participated in the program.

Of our 19 attendees in the Summer Pathways program with Allentown School District, we currently have 5 high-achieving students that have enrolled for the Fall of 2014. In addition, there are another 4 that have chosen to attend a community college and, under the agreement, will be guaranteed admission to BU

upon completion of their Associates Degree. More significantly, our applicant pool from this school district went from just 46 total applicants last year to 126 this year representing a 200% increase within one year. While the near-term gains have been incremental, the program has generated a great deal of publicity and name recognition for Bloomsburg University within the school district, and should pay long-term dividends in establishing steady pipe line of well-qualified STEM students from that area.

- Dr. Kevin Ball of the Psychology department has received a grant from the National Institutes of Health for more than \$260,000. His project, titled “Effects of Chronic Stress on Cocaine and Food Relapse: Role of Dopamine D1-Like R,” builds on work supported by a 2012 Henry Carver Margin of Excellence Award from the BU Foundation. A strong proponent of undergraduate research, Dr. Ball routinely collaborates with students in his research.
- The Institute for Interactive Technologies increased grant and contract revenues over 40% this past year for a total of \$398,000. Instructional Technology students, under the supervision of professional designers hired through Institute revenues, work on real-world instructional technology modules for corporate clients. The Institute provides students with professional development experiences that make them highly competitive for employment upon graduation.
- Dr. Noreen Chikotas and the Department of Nursing received funding for two years for a total of \$692,000 from the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The funding provides scholarship support to students pursuing advanced nursing degrees such as our Nurse Practitioner Master of Science in Nursing. This is the third consecutive year our Nursing program has been awarded this funding.
- The Department of Nursing is one of only 100 nursing programs nationwide and one of three in Pennsylvania (along with Duquesne and University of Pittsburgh) to receive funding of \$3,000 from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation. The funding supports our first White Coat Ceremony for nursing students who are beginning their clinical experiences. The White Coat Ceremony reinforces to second-year nursing students that compassionate, patient-focused care must be a hallmark of their clinical practice. I participated in the ceremony held on September 7.
- In July, BU’s Mass Communications department hosted the inaugural Confer Radio Talent Institute with the support of a gift of \$250,000 from lifetime broadcaster and Williamsport native Kerby Confer. The 10-day Institute featured a curriculum designed by the National Radio Talent System and included a live remote broadcast from the McCormick building of the *Doc and Andie Show* on 92.5 WXTU. WXTU is Philadelphia’s only country station, and co-host Andie

Summers is a 1996 BU graduate. Pat Farnack of WCBS NY, also a BU alumna, presented at the Institute. Additionally, Institute participants traveled to Philadelphia to tour facilities and meet with representatives of the Phillies and Flyers organizations. All participants earned RAB Radio Marketing Professional Certification, which will give them a tangible advantage over the competition as they enter their careers as radio professionals.

- The Center for Community Research and Consulting, directed by Dr. Heather Feldhaus, has completed its most successful year to date, with approximately 150 students involved as volunteers on one or more community research projects. Fifteen served in paid or credit-bearing leadership positions. The Center began in the fall of 2012 with the initial funding from a President's Strategic Planning grant. The Center has brought in \$69,976 with two grants and ten contracts to date.

Some key student experiences are as follows:

- Eowna Young Harrison was involved in nearly every CCRC research project conducted. Her substantial research, presentation, and writing experience helped her earn admission and full financial support to the M.A./Ph.D. program in Demography at the University of Maryland, which is arguably the top Demography program in the country.
 - Jose Calvo worked in the CCRC for 18 months on a range of projects. The experience he gained helped him secure a post-graduate internship at BU and admission to an excellent Ph.D. program in Human Factors Psychology.
 - Michael Otto and Charles Caning worked on economic impact studies at the CCRC and noticed a need for such services in rural communities throughout the state. Based on what they have learned here they have started their own company, Community Data Solutions, and are doing consulting throughout the region.
 - Weston Brehm worked in the CCRC on a wide range of projects during his junior and senior years and has since obtained employment with the Columbia County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, one of the CCRC's primary community partners.
- Twenty-two BU students participated in a month-long summer study abroad experience to Cameroon; which included a trip to Ethiopia. Twenty students took one or two of the following courses from the University of Buea: Urban Practicum; Multicultural Education; Natural Hazards and Disasters, and Gender and Development in Sub-Saharan Africa. Two students conducted field research through the Department of Environmental, Geographical and Geological Sciences (EGGS). Students also participated in co-curricular workshops on African Dance,

African Choral Music and African Cuisine. A series of excursions included a hike to Lake Barombi, a tour of a former slave village in the Bimbia region, visits to botanical gardens and primate center, a visit to the Women's Center in the capital Yaounde, and a canoe trip on the Lobe River to visit a village of the Baka People.

Other events included participation in the Diversity Day at University of Buea, during which workshops were conducted on diversity issues in the United States and in Cameroon, and concluded with a series of performances, which included a fashion show, choral music, dance performances, poetry readings, and the University of Buea orchestra and choir.

Nine BU students were awarded study abroad scholarships by PASSHE. These scholarships were matched by funds for the BU Foundation. The Bloomsburg Cameroon short-term faculty-led trips began in 2009. Bloomsburg University has developed close ties with the University of Buea, which has included an exchange of faculty and the opportunity for students from Buea to study at Bloomsburg University.

- Thirteen students from the Environmental, Geological and Geographical Sciences Department spent three weeks in California's Mojave Desert as part of the department's new Special Topics in Field Geology course — designed to give students an opportunity to observe a wide variety of earth processes, apply their knowledge and reinforce skills in geological observation and interpretation. This new course is part of a College-wide effort to provide all students with experiences that help them connect theory with practice and better prepare them for professional success.
- This summer, nearly half of the members of the College of Education completed a course to prepare them to offer distance education in the COE. The College's plan is to launch the initiative in Winter Session, which is expected to produce additional revenue for the university.
- On July 1st, Mary Lenzini Howe was named director of the Zeigler Institute for Professional Development (ZIPD). Ms. Howe is a former mayor of the Town of Bloomsburg and longtime member of the local business community. She has served as ZIPD's interim program consultant and director since last September. As ZIPD director, she will organize, coordinate, execute and manage programming and other activities including the annual ZIPD Business Conference scheduled for November. She will also collaborate with faculty from the COB and staff from the Office of Alumni and Professional Engagement to develop a network of local, regional and national organizational partners and alumni to provide internships and other experiential learning opportunities for all COB students.
- Thirty raised beds were built, filled and planted this summer behind Monty's as part of the Bloomsburg University Sustainable Foods Outdoor Classroom. With initial funding from a Presidential Strategic Planning Grant, coursework, educational workshops, internships, professional development opportunities, and volunteer opportunities at the outdoor classroom have been developed to provide

high-impact experiences for our students not previously available at Bloomsburg University. The team of students, faculty, staff and volunteers has sold all produce at an informal on-site sale held weekly in July and August. The produce will be available at the Bloomsburg University Farmers Market held on campus each Friday throughout the Fall semester.

- August was busy for our Office of Graduate Studies and Research. In early August, the New Faculty Institute hosted new Fall 2014 faculty for a week of introduction to policies and procedures of the university. This session was presented by faculty and the TALE Center Director. In mid-August, 36 new faculty attended the New Faculty Orientation day-long event where university faculty and staff provided valuable insights into Bloomsburg University. Following that session, I hosted the faculty and College deans for a reception at Buckalew.

On August 21, under the direction of Dr. Joseph Hazzard, chair of the International Research Board (IRB), the university hosted a special IRB Workshop that featured two national presenters from Public Responsibility in Medicine & Research (PRIM&R). PRIM&R is the primary organization in the country focusing on ethics in research. Participants included BU faculty along with 50 participants from Geisinger.

- The summer of 2014 was the third summer of implementation of the Undergraduate Research Scholarship and Creative Activities (URSCA) Award program. The summer program grew from 27 participants in 2012 to 30 students in 2013 and to 45 students in 2014. Each student works with a faculty mentor. The summer program provides a cohort-based experience for broad undergraduate research skills in the area of the students' project.
- Student Affairs held the first Student Leadership Retreat on August 23. The retreat was an opportunity to develop students who are serving in leadership roles for their campus organizations. More than 40 student leaders participated in the all-day retreat, representing over 20 student organizations. Workshop themes for the day consisted of Goals and Roles for Executive Board Members, Branding, Marketing and Advertising Your Organization, Fundraising and Event Planning and Member Recruitment, Recognition and Retention.
- The Center for Leadership and Engagement opened in fall 2013 with the mission of educating and enriching a student's collegiate experience in the areas of leadership development, community engagement and student organizational support. By incorporating integrative learning and high impact practices outside of the classroom, the Center was able to provide opportunities for students to gain critical skills to not only be a successful leader, but also serve as a positive, contributing citizen within our community. A three-tiered Leadership Certification program was introduced and enrolled over 500 students to participate.

The Center has helped to ignite the interest and make students aware of the value of utilizing the Co-Curricular Transcript through their active participation in the Leadership Certification program. Before the Center was established, the concept of the Co-Curricular Transcript remained elusive to most students. Through intentional marketing and educational awareness campaigns, student enrollment in the Co-Curricular Transcript program increased from 118 (September 2013) to 445 (May 2014).

- Community Assistants, or CAs, are a critical component of life in a residence hall. This year's CA team of close to 125 recently went through a week of intense training preparing them for new and returning students. Workshop sessions for their training included: Team Building, How to More Effectively Work with Learning Community Mentors when Engaging New Students, Conflict Management, Community Building, Helping Skills and Fire and Emergency/Inclement Weather Training. The inaugural *CA Resource Fair* was held to help familiarize staff with many of the campus resources where CAs can refer students. Fifteen university offices participated including the Counseling Center, Greek Affairs, Student Activities and the University Writing Center.
- The BU Chapter of the sorority, Sigma Sigma Sigma, through a grant-writing effort, was awarded a grant in August from their national foundation. The \$2,200 grant will be used to support the Geisinger's Children's Hospital Play Therapy activities.
- The Bloomsburg University Foundation secured 18 documented estate intentions of \$10,000 or more totaling more than \$5 million, a 400% increase from 2013. Additionally, the Foundation and the BU Advancement division collectively raised more than \$1 million for the Henry Carver Fund, Bloomsburg's annual fund. Carver Scholar gifts of \$1,867 or more, the year Carver Hall was built, increased from 67 in fiscal year 2013 to 82 in fiscal year 2014.
- The 2014 BU Athletic Hall of Fame class was announced.
 - Roger Sanders, Huskies head wrestling coach for 21 years
 - Julie Bugg '99, women's soccer
 - Erica Miller '01, softball
 - Roxann (Emerick) Betz '01, women's lacrosse
 - Glen McNamee '97, football
 - Tina (Wikoski) Bartholomew '95, cross country and track and field

The dinner will be held on Saturday, October 18, in the Kehr Union Ballroom.

- I am pleased to report that the Carver Hall modernization project is nearing completion. During the last four years, the university has conducted a focused, multi-year modernization and upgrading effort on the interior, exterior and landscaping of the building. Here is a brief timeline of key project milestones since 2010:
 - 2010: Replacement of exterior windows, installation of new building chiller unit, replacement of building heating system
 - 2011: Renovation of bathrooms, new building base perimeter landscaping
 - 2012: Painting of building exterior
 - 2013: Gross Auditorium renovation
 - 2014: Replacement of Penn Street grand stairs, replacement of Carver porch entrance stairs and façade stonework, replacement of all Carver and Penn Street sidewalks, new landscaping plantings, installation of new LED exterior lighting lamp posts, addition of new parking spots, including a handicapped spot, on the south side of Carver Hall.

- I want to acknowledge Bloomsburg Carpet Industries, Inc. and Mr. Marty Bowman, Vice President, for their generous contribution of a new carpet in Carver Hall. The beautiful maroon carpet features a gold Bloomsburg University seal in the center.

- Although we recognized our newest emeritus recipients at the start of our meeting, my congratulations go to Lieutenant Angelo Vendetti and Corporal Samuel (Sam) Haynes who were awarded non-instructional emeritus status.



Council of Trustees

**COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
November 3, 2014
9:00 a.m.**

In attendance by phone: Ramona Alley, Judge Mary Jane Bowes, Robert Dampman,
Shannon Phillips, Charles Schlegel, Ken Stolarick, Nancy Vasta,
Secretary John Wetzel, Patrick Wilson

Absent: LaRoy Davis, Joseph Mowad

Trustee Wilson called the meeting to order and asked the audience to join in the pledge of allegiance.
Jennifer Williams took attendance.

Trustee Wilson introduced Mr. John Loonan, Vice President of Administration and Finance, who
presented background information regarding the proposed Institutional Scholarship Program
(see attached).

Trustee Wilson made the following motion, "In accordance with PASSHE Board of Governor's
Policy 1996-01-A: Sources of Funding for University Institutional Scholarships, and;

The implementation and annual reporting guidelines as set forth by the President, and;

Subject to funding availability;

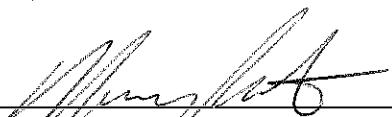
The Council of Trustees at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania approves additional funding
for University Institutional Scholarships of up to \$600,000 with \$200,000 in effect in Fiscal Year
(pilot year) 2014/2015 for scholarship awards for the incoming 2015/2016 cohort.

This is in addition to the \$562,000 designated for the ACT 101 program resulting in total
institutional scholarship funding of \$1,162,000."

The motion was seconded by Trustee Wetzel and unanimously approved.

Jennifer Williams conducted a roll call vote.

With no other items to discuss, Trustee Wilson adjourned the meeting at 9:26 a.m.



Nancy Vasta, Secretary



Jennifer Williams, Administrative Assistant

Bloomsburg University
Council of Trustees
November 3, 2014
Administration and Finance

Recommendation: To authorize the commitment of institutional funds for the establishment of high impact institutional scholarship programs that will increase new student recruitment, academic quality, diversity, and student retention and success. The programs will promote and be supportive of an alignment with the goals of the university's strategic plan and be administered in accordance with PASSHE Board of Governors' Policy 1996-01-A: *Sources of Funding for University Institutional Scholarships*.

Motion: Approve the following funding strategy for need-based and non-need based institutional scholarships and initiatives today and establishing the authority of the university to commit to scholarships for the 2015/2016 academic, specifically:

- Commit up to \$600,000 with \$200,000 in effect for FY 15/16 (pilot year)
Academic Year Cohort Commitment:
15/16 = \$200,000
16/17 = \$400,000 (pilot year cohort and entering cohort)
17/18 = to be determined based on performance results
18/19 = to be determined based on performance results
- \$562,000 for ACT 101 summer program (250 students)
- Total Funding Authorization request is \$1,162,000

Background: PASSHE Board of Governors' Policy 1996-01-A: Sources of Funding for University Institutional Scholarships was issued and revised "to provide flexibility for universities to award institutional scholarships from unrestricted funds. This policy does not apply to scholarships supported by restricted funding sources."

- Annually, Council of Trustees will approve, as part of the university budget approval process, the funding level for institutional need based and non-need based scholarships based on the recommendation of the President of the university
- The budget will fund existing scholarship initiatives (e.g. ACT 101 program) and new initiatives, both need-based and non-need based that align to and support achieving the institutional strategic plan

- Subsequent to the pilot phase, University Trustees would be approving the new cohort of scholarship activity and will be briefed on the status of the existing cohorts already receiving commitment

Administration/Implementation:

University will develop and maintain the following guidelines in support of the institutional scholarship programs:

- Each proposed new institutional scholarship initiative will be submitted to the President with a justification for the initiative that supports the University's strategic plan with emphasis on recruitment, quality, diversity, retention, and success, and that aligns with one of the four strategic initiatives of IMPACT 2015
- All proposal initiatives for need-based scholarships will adhere to PASSHE BOG policy 1996-01-A, section C, Administration of Need-Based Scholar ships (described above)
- All proposed non need-based awards will adhere to section D. of the BOG policy
- Funding will be applied to traditional recurring tuition scholarships as well as one-time requests that fulfill the eligibility requirements
- Scholarships will be subject to annual funding availability
- Augments and enhances existing Foundation scholarship programs

Reporting guidelines:

- Annual reports will capture the success of the scholarship program in meeting the strategic goals of the university and will highlight data supporting the scholarship investment
- Data to be reported by individual scholarship programs will minimally include the number of student recipients, student academic progress and retention-to-completion results for the cohort
- Institutional scholarship activity documentation is subject to audit



**COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
December 3, 2014**

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

Present:

Mr. Patrick Wilson, Chair
Judge Mary Jane Bowes, Vice Chair
Mrs. Ramona Alley
Dr. Robert Dampman
Ms. Shannon Phillips
Mr. Charles Schlegel
Mr. Kenneth Stolarick
Secretary John Wetzel

Absent:

Ms. Nancy Vasta, Secretary
Mr. LaRoy Davis
Dr. Joseph Mowad

University Personnel

Dr. David Soltz, President
Dr. Ira Blake, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mr. John Loonan, Vice President for Administration and Finance
Dr. Dione Somerville, Vice President for Student Affairs
Mr. Erik Evans, Vice President for University Advancement (not present)
Ms. Brenda Cromley, Executive Assistant to the President
Ms. Jennifer Williams, Administrative Assistant, President's Office

Council of Trustees Advisors

Dr. Stephen Kokoska, President, APSCUF (not present)
Mr. Shawn Makar, President, AFSCME (not present)
Ms. Gretchen Osterman, Bloomsburg Chapter of SCUPA (not present)
Ms. Justine Albright, President, CGA
Mr. David Stover, University Counsel (not present)

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Call to Order

Trustee Wilson, 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 Stolarick, seconded by Trustee Dampman, and unanimously carried that the September 17, 2014 minutes be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Introductions

Trustee Wilson introduced Dr. Shahalam Amin, Dr. Richard Angelo, Professor Carolyn Dalton, Dr. Joan Miller, Dr. Marion Petrillo, Dr. Viola Supon, Dr. Robert Marande, Mr. Danny Hale, Ms. Jan Hutchinson, and Ms. Crystal Andrezze who were nominated and granted Emeritus status by Dr. Soltz.

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

TRUSTEES

Athletic Coach Emeritus

On a motion by Trustee Dampman, seconded by Trustee Stolarick, Athletic Coach emeritus was unanimously approved for Mr. Danny Hale, and Ms. Jan Hutchinson.

Manager/Administrator Emeritus

On a motion by Trustee Dampman, seconded by Trustee Alley, Manager/Administrator emeritus was unanimously approved for Dr. Robert Marande.

Non Instructional Emeritus

On a motion by Trustee Dampman, seconded by Trustee Stolarick, Non Instructional emeritus was unanimously approved for Ms. Crystal Andrezze.

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.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Report on Audit 2013-14

A motion was made by Trustee Stolarick to approve the audit as presented by our auditors, Clifton Larson Allen, seconded by Trustee Dampman. Unanimous approval.

Approval of Purchasing Activity

Trustee Stolarick made a motion, seconded by Trustee Schlegel and unanimously carried, to approve purchasing activity under Act 188 in excess of \$10,000 for August 1, 2014 to October 31, 2014.

Board of Governors Policy 1985-04-A

On a motion by Trustee Stolarick, seconded by Trustee Wetzel, the following resolution was approved unanimously:

The Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, upon recommendation of the president, hereby certifies, as per Board of Governors' Policy 1985-04-A, that the following affiliated entities make a financial contribution to the University or provide similar benefits on a regular basis, satisfactory to this Council of Trustees and to the president.

- Community Government Association of Bloomsburg University, Inc. and Subsidiaries
- Bloomsburg University Foundation, Inc. and Subsidiary
- Husky Research Corporation, Inc.

The Council of Trustees also certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, the affiliated entities are in compliance with Board of Governors' Policy 1985-04-A, in that they exist solely for the benefit of the University; the expectations of the relationship between the University and the affiliated entity are memorialized in current, executed Memoranda of Understanding; and the affiliated entities require an annual external audit of their funds and provide copies of their audit reports to the University and the Office of the Chancellor.

The Council of Trustees also certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, no University employee serves as a voting member of the Board of these affiliated entities, nor does any employee of the University risk adverse interest through service to or relationship with an affiliated entity.

Pricing Pilot

On a motion by Trustee Stolarick, seconded by Trustee Schlegel, the following resolution was approved unanimously:

WHEREAS, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania intends to charge tuition on a per credit basis to all undergraduate students, and

WHEREAS, during the two-year pilot phase, the tuition rate for undergraduate resident students will lag one year behind the established STATE SYSTEM undergraduate resident per credit rate, and

WHEREAS, during the two-year pilot phase, the tuition rate for undergraduate non-resident students will be 200% of the undergraduate resident per credit rate, and

WHEREAS, the University will assess the pilot program annually and, within the second year, make a determination to continue or terminate the pilot. If the two-year pilot is successful, the annual undergraduate resident per credit rate will continue to align with the established STATE SYSTEM undergraduate resident per credit rate from the prior year (one year lag). The undergraduate non-resident per credit rate will continue at 200% of the undergraduate resident per credit rate, and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure access for students of all socio-economic backgrounds, an appropriate amount of need based financial aid will be made available to students whose new or continued enrollment may be affected by this pricing pilot, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Council of Trustees, approve the per credit tuition pricing pilot proposal for all undergraduate students; and further do hereby authorize the President to submit this proposal to the STATE SYSTEM Board of Governors for consideration at their January 2015 meeting.

UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Watts Center for Investment Research

On a motion by Trustee Bowes, seconded by Trustee Alley, the Watts Center for Investment Research was unanimously approved. Mr. Norman F. Watts is a long-time donor to Bloomsburg University and many projects.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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

Dr. Blake introduced Dr. Elizabeth Mauch, Dean of the College of Education, to present STEM in Bloom: Regional Partnerships (STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). Bloomsburg University's College of Science and Technology is establishing a regional center for math and science education to address this need through a wide range of programming focused on:

- STEM pipeline development (K-12)
- professional development of teachers in collaboration with regional districts
- cutting-edge research in STEM education
- innovative college programs based on proven pedagogies that produce graduates prepared for success in the STEM fields

Numerous regional and national businesses have sponsored this program, and some have provided scholarships for students to be able to attend. Local school districts, including Central Columbia, Berwick, and Bloomsburg are just some of the schools participating. Dr. Mauch reported next year, there will be up to eleven (11) school districts participating.

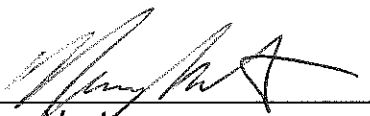
OTHER BUSINESS

2015-2016 Council of Trustees Meeting calendar

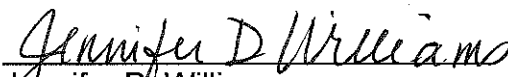
Trustee Wilson called to the attention of the trustees the 2015-2016 Council of Trustees meeting calendar included in their packets.

Adjournment

With no other items to be presented to the Council, Trustee Wilson adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.



Nancy Vasta
Secretary



Jennifer D. Williams
Administrative Assistant

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

December 3, 2014

Here are a few University highlights since we met in September.

- Throughout this year, Bloomsburg University celebrated a milestone — our 175th anniversary. We had many events planned for our campus and community, including six faculty lectures on a variety of topics, a special Celebrity Artist Series concert featuring Wynton Marsalis, and a presidential gala dinner. We also celebrated our anniversary with a limited-edition 2014 calendar with some wonderful historical photos from throughout the years and a book written by our university archivist, Robert Dunkleberger, on the university history.

I received many compliments on the manner in which we highlighted the rich legacy of our university. My thanks to all who contributed their time and talents to our 175th anniversary celebration.

- We received very good news last week from the Middle State Commission on Higher Education. At its session on November 20, 2014, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education acted to accept the Periodic Review Report and reaffirm accreditation.

The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2018-2019. My thanks to Dr. Sheila Dove-Jones, Assistant Vice President, Office of Planning and Assessment and Dr. John Riley, Professor in the Math, Computer Science and Statistics Department, for leading the efforts to prepare the Periodic Review Report.

- During Homecoming in October, Bloomsburg University unveiled its University Wall of Distinction, located on the Academic Quadrangle, at an event honoring eighteen benefactors for their generous lifetime giving of \$1 million or more to Bloomsburg University. The donors collectively represent more than \$25 million in gifts.

- For the first time, Bloomsburg University has earned the Military Friendly School designation from Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life. The Military Friendly list has been published every year since 2003, identifying schools as top tier institutions with leading opportunities for military service members and spouses. As a 2015 Military Friendly School, BU is ranked in the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country working to embrace military service members, veterans and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus. With more than 40 incoming student veterans this fall, BU has seen its veteran population more than double in the past three years. We have more than 200 student veterans in addition to about 100 veterans and service members among faculty and staff.
- The McDowell Institute for Teacher Excellence in Positive Behavior Support hosted its first Cyber-bullying Symposium. Approximately 110 of our College of Education student teachers attended the day-long training. They heard from three leading experts who spoke on topics related to bullying which included prevention, the various forms of bullying and how it relates to the relevant aspects of child development.

The McDowell Institute prepares teachers to face the challenges of addressing the social and emotional needs of today's students in tandem with achieving academic learning outcomes.

- Bloomsburg University's innovative program, MyCore, will be spotlighted in February at the Association of American Colleges & Universities (AAC&U) annual meeting.

Four BU faculty and administrators will introduce participants to MyCore, our General Education Program introduced in 2012. They will explain how the structure of the system, the focus on Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs), and the review process for the program give students the opportunity to earn General Education Points (GEPs) through co-curricular learning experiences (CLEs) in addition to traditional coursework.

- The College of Education hosted a graduate program open house last month where new and novice teachers of students in kindergarten through 12th grade learned about opportunities to further their own education

through a graduate program. BU's College of Education offers more than 20 majors at the post-baccalaureate level, and all of the education majors are nationally accredited. Continuing professional development is critically important for all teachers. New online courses will allow teachers to earn continuing education graduate credits, begin a master's degree program or work toward a certification while staying close to their home and family.

- Bond funding for the new residence hall was approved by the State System Board of Governors on October 8. Professional firms interested in developing the design submitted their proposals last month. A committee has been formed to review and evaluate the proposals and an award will be made to the successful firm in January 2015. The building is slated to open by fall 2017.
- Our current dining service contract will expire on May 30, 2015. Request for proposals were sought from qualified contractors. A select campus committee has completed its technical evaluation and the University procurement office is in the process of reviewing the financial submission portions of each proposal, with the intention of awarding a new contract early in the spring semester of 2015.
- To provide on-campus late night weekend activities, the Division of Student Affairs and the Program Board sponsored 14 late night programs this semester. These included free Hot Dog, Walking Taco and Chili Carts on the Kehr Union patio, a free University dance, Game of Thrones 12-hour marathon-watching event in Kehr Union, a late night basketball tourney at the Student Rec Center, Bingo/Late Night Pizza, Rocky Horror Picture Show event and the semi-formal. Events lasted until 1:00 a.m. and were well attended with 50 to 100 for basketball and the marathon, while approximately 300 to 400 participated in food carts and the dance. Bingo/Late Night Pizza is always well attended at maximum capacity of 300 and around 100 viewed the movie.
- Bloomsburg University has worked vigorously to be compliant with new federal regulations related to student sexual misconduct under Title IX. The Trustees approved policy revisions this past summer. In addition to existing services provided by the University Advocates and current educational efforts, the university has implemented additional training sessions for students and employees, created printed and online resources and coordinated record-keeping. The University continues to

provide services to victims of misconduct according to national best practice standards.

- Congratulations to head football coach Paul Darragh as he earned PSAC Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year. The football team earned its second-straight PSAC East title and amassed an undefeated 10-0 regular-season campaign, falling in the PSAC Championship game at Slippery Rock.

After beating Virginia State University 35-14 last Saturday, the Huskies play Concord University (WVA) for the Super Region One championship next Saturday.

- Senior **Lauren Lehman** paced the Huskies women's cross country team taking first and helping the team win their first-ever ECAC Division II Championship team title. She followed that performance by finishing first in the PSAC Championship leading the team to a second place overall finish.
- Six new members were inducted into the BU Athletic Hall of Fame on October 18. With the 33rd annual induction, membership now boasts a total of 158. This year's Hall of Fame inductees were Roger Sanders [wrestling coach and administrator], Julie Bugg '99 [women's soccer], Erica Miller '01 [softball], Roxann (Emerick) Betz '01 [women's lacrosse], Glen McNamee '97 [football], and Tina (Wikoski) Bartholomew '95 [cross country/track and field].
- Bloomsburg University honored longtime head tennis coach Burt Reese for his years of service by naming the University's Tennis Center after him. Coach Reese started at Bloomsburg in 1969 as a faculty member, head tennis coach and assistant men's basketball coach. This honor was made possible through the generosity of former players, friends and family members who contributed \$500,000 to name the Burt Reese Tennis Center in his honor.
- Bloomsburg University hosted the Mid Atlantic LGBTQA conference for the 7th year in a row. One hundred fifty participants from 35 different campuses attended sessions addressing issues related to the LGBTQA community on college campus. This year's keynote speaker was the Reverend Irene Monroe from Boston, Massachusetts, who is currently a *Huffington Post* blogger and a syndicated columnist. Reverend Monroe

offered strategies to create campus-wide discussions to improve climates as well as the importance of fighting various oppressions and importance of spirituality for many in the LGBTQA community.

- Bloomsburg: The University Magazine won a platinum award in MarCom Awards' 2014 competition. The magazine was among the top 17 percent of about 6,000 entries received. MarCom Awards is a creative competition for any individual or company involved in the concept, writing and design of print, visual, audio and web materials and programs. Entries come from marketing and communication departments, advertising agencies, PR firms, design shops, production companies and freelancers.
- The Chancellor's Office is taking a new approach toward publicizing the "good news" of the entire System through press releases, social media and, now, a video. They contracted with a firm in Sunbury and two of our students – Sean Williams, an English major, and Shaidy Moronta, a pre-med major – were filmed for the System's first video. The idea is to show State System students who have taken advantage of the many opportunities our universities offer under the brand "14 universities. Infinite opportunities."
- Kimberly Lazar Bolig joined Bloomsburg University as the first director of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education Center. As director, Bolig is responsible for the implementation, design, organization and coordination of all activities for the STEM Education Center, including program development for regional high school students. In addition, she will work with faculty and businesses on STEM initiatives and promotion.

Currently, we are partnering with eight schools in Columbia and Montour counties with about 40 students. Three additional schools in Lycoming and Northumberland counties will join next and we expect to have a total of close to 60 students participating beginning the next academic year.

- We recognized ten retired faculty, staff and coaches this morning. Since the president officially grants faculty emeriti status, I want to congratulate Dr. Shahalam Amin, Dr. Richard Angelo, Professor Carolyn Dalton, Dr. Joan Miller, Dr. Marion Petrillo and Dr. Viola Supon. My congratulations also go to our new coach emeriti recipients, Mr. Danny Hale and Ms. Jan Hutchinson; manager emeritus, Dr. Robert Marande; and non-instructional emerita, Crystal Andrezze.