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A meeting of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life was held in Room 110 of the Nesbitt Academic Commons at Penn State Wilkes-Barre, Lehman, PA, at 8:00 a.m. on July 21, 2016.

The following committee members were present: Chair Abe Harpster, Vice Chair Allie Goldstein, and Luke Metaxas.

The following staff members were present: Nick Jones, Rob Pangborn, Damon Sims, and Ann Wyatt. Student leader Terry Ford was present. Also invited as presenters were Administrative Fellows Rebecca Cianci, Madhavi Kari, and Binh Le; and Penn State Wilkes-Barre (PSWB) Chancellor Charles H. Davis, along with invited PSWB staff, students and faculty.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Harpster at 8:00 a.m. Approval of the *Minutes* of the May 5, 2016 meeting of the committee was deferred until the September meeting, at which time a quorum of the committee will be present.

Chair Harpster called on Rob Pangborn, Vice President and Dean for Undergraduate Education, for his report. Rob updated the Committee on enrollment figures, the implementation of general education integrative studies, and information system rollouts. Nick Jones, Executive Vice President and Provost, provided an update on graduate programming, the implementation of the University's *Strategic Plan*, and the Task Force on Open Education Resources. Finally, Damon Sims, Vice President for Student Affairs, provided updates on student life and mental health services, including leadership changes within Counseling and Psychological Services and plans for a comprehensive services gap assessment.

Madlyn L. Hanes, Vice President for Commonwealth Campuses, introduced Chancellor Davis, who welcomed the Committee to PSWB. Dr. Davis introduced PSWB Director of Academic Affairs and Professor of Engineering, Albert Lozano-Nieto, who introduced the following presenters who spoke about campus academic programs and student services: Dr. Francis Derby, Associate Professor of Surveying Engineering; Dr. Dimitrios Bolkas, Instructor, Surveying Engineering; Dr. Garrett Huck, Assistant Professor of Rehabilitation and Human Services; Ms. Melisa Naylor, Instructor of Rehabilitation and Human Services; Mr. Marshall Davis, Instructor in Administration of Justice; Dr. Rick Dierenfeldt, Assistant Professor of Administration of Justice; Ms. Susan Chapell, Eastern Region Employer Engagement Coordinator; Ms. Maureen Ciliberto, Career Services Coordinator; and Mr. Greg Strazdus, Student in Information Science & Technology, SGA President, and Career Services Intern. Also present was Ms. Wanda Ochei, Director of Student Services and Engagement.

Terry Ford, University Park Undergraduate Association President, provided a report on student government initiatives.

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Blannie Bowen, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, introduced the 2015-2016 Administrative Fellows, Rebecca Cianci, Madhavi Kari, and Binh Le, who provided reflections on their experiences in this fellowship program.

The public session of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

No Executive Session of the Committee was required.

Respectfully submitted,

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