

Board of Trustees
Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life

Minutes of Meeting

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A meeting of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life was held in Room 100 of the Classroom Building on the Penn State Schuylkill campus, Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania beginning at 3:00 p.m. on July 10, 2014.

The following committee members, constituting a quorum, were present: Abe Harpster, Bill Oldsey, Allie Goldstein, Ryan McCombie, and Bill Alice Pope. Committee member Carolyn Dumaresq was not in attendance.

Student representative Anand Ganjam, and the following staff members were also present: Nicholas Jones, Rob Pangborn, Damon Sims, and Ann Zirkle. Also invited to attend were Blannie Bowen, Madlyn Hanes, Doris Lee, Raffy Luquis, and Jennifer Wilkes. Members of the Penn State Schuylkill campus who were present by invitation included Kelly Austin, Valerie Clay, Stephen Couch, Tom Dubreuil, Helen Hendy, Robert Keating, Stacy Koperna, and Tina Rose.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Harpster, who recognized Trustees Allie Goldstein and Alice Pope as new members of the Committee. Jennifer Blew, Co-Chair of the Staff Advisory Council, will join the Committee at its September meeting. Chair Harpster then called for a recommendation to approve the Minutes of the May 8, 2014 meeting of the Committee; the minutes were approved.

Robert N. Pangborn, Vice President and Dean for Undergraduate Education, provided an enrollment report for the fall semester. Vice President for Student Affairs, Damon Sims, spoke about ongoing and enhanced health and wellness initiatives. Additionally, he noted that Campus Recreation now falls under the purview of Student Affairs; it was previously administered by the department of Intercollegiate Athletics.

The Committee reviewed two proposed administrative appointments, and unanimously approved the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves President Eric J. Barron's appointment of Dr. Marie Hardin to the position of Dean of the College of Communications effective July 1, 2014.

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves President Eric J. Barron's appointment of Dr. Richard T. Roush to the position of Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences effective October 1, 2014.

Chairman Harpster called on Penn State Schuylkill Chancellor, Kelly Austin for his remarks. Dr. Austin welcomed the Committee and shared his insights about the campus and community, student engagement, and efforts to further develop facilities, housing, and academic programs. Dr. Austin then introduced members of the Penn State Schuylkill staff and student body, who followed with presentations specific to their area of oversight. Attending from the campus were:

Stephen Couch, Director of Academic Affairs; Helen Hendy, Professor of Psychology; students Robert Keating and Stacy Koperna; Tom Dubreuil, Director of Academic Affairs; Valerie Clay, Assistant Director of Student Affairs; and Tina Rose, Coordinator of Career Services, Student Leadership and Community Service. Topics of discussion included the EPICS (Envision, Plan, Implement, Change, Sustain) project; the Kids Choice Program; environmental, economic and social sustainability; and career leadership and service.

Blannie E. Bowen, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, introduced the 2013-2014 Administrative Fellows and offered each an opportunity to share their reflections on their appointments. Remarks were provided by: Jennifer Wilkes, Director of Human Resources for Auxiliary and Business Services on the University Park campus, who served under the mentorship of Madlyn Hanes, Vice President for the Commonwealth Campuses; Raffy Luquis, Associate Professor of Health Education in the School of Behavioral Sciences and Education at Penn State Harrisburg, and Coordinator of the campus' Graduate Program in Health Education, who served under the mentorship of Hal Paz, Chief Executive Officer of the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Senior Vice President for Health Affairs, and Dean for the College of Medicine; and Doris Lee, a Professor in the Training and Development Program at Penn State Harrisburg, who served under the mentorship of Robert N. Pangborn, Vice President and Dean for Undergraduate Education.

The public session of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

No Executive Session of the Committee was required.

Respectfully submitted,

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