

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 Magnolia Room A of The Hershey Lodge, Hershey, Pennsylvania, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on March 6, 2014.

The following committee members, constituting a quorum, were present: Jim Broadhurst, Peter Khoury, Abe Harpster, Ed Hintz, Betsy Huber, Ryan McCombie, and Bill Oldsey. Committee member Carolyn Dumaresq was not in attendance.

Faculty Senate Representative Jonna Kulikowich, staff representative Crystal Hubler, student representative Katelyn Mullen, and the following staff members were also present: Nicholas Jones, Damon Sims, and Ann Zirkle. Also invited to attend were Tanya Furman, Suzanne Weinstein, Daad Rizk, Anand Ganjam, and Lauren Reiter.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Broadhurst, who recognized outgoing University Park Undergraduate Association President, Katelyn Mullen, for her leadership and service to the Committee, the Board, and the University. Chair Broadhurst then called for a recommendation to approve the Minutes of the November 21, 2013 meeting of the Committee; the minutes were approved. There were no actionable items presented to the Committee for consideration.

Chairman Broadhurst called on Executive Vice President and Provost, Nicholas Jones, for his remarks to the Committee. Dr. Jones spoke to challenges the University is facing and efforts to move forward; the University's Strategic Plan; student engagement; and initiatives to collect developmental input from the Commonwealth Campuses.

Chairman Broadhurst then called on Vice President for Student Affairs, Damon Sims, for his remarks to the Committee. Mr. Sims spoke about various student initiatives, including: the success of 'THON 2014; Council of Lionhearts; collaboration between student government organizations; and the Student Leader's Roundtable. Sims also provided information about the recent State Patty's Day celebration, and town and gown efforts to minimize underage and binge drinking, violence, and the destruction of both public and private properties. Additionally, he reported that student groups are looking forward to the development of an alternative festival held during the same weekend.

Educational presentations to the Committee were provided as follows:

Tanya Furman, Professor; Associate Vice President and Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, provided results for the ALEKS Math Assessment, which identifies student strengths and weaknesses of mathematical knowledge, reports findings to students and develops learning programs for improvement of skills applicable to course placement. Dr. Furman was then joined by Suzanne Weinstein, Director of Instructional Consulting, Assessment, and Research, Schreyer Institute for Teaching Excellence, and together, they provided an overview Learning Outcomes Assessment for Baccalaureate Programs, including how the assessments are utilized.

for a broad range of curricular improvements, collaboration, learning outcomes, and student and faculty support.

Next, Dr. Daad Rizk, Financial Literacy Coordinator, Outreach and Online Education; undergraduate student and Chair of Student Life for the University Park Undergraduate Association, Anand Ganjam; and Business Liaison Librarian for the Schreyer Business Library, Lauren Reiter, provided an overview of the recently launched Financial Literacy Program available for Penn State students. Initiatives of the program include *Money Counts*; *A financial Literacy Series*, and a Student Financial Education Center, offering peer-to-peer financial education.

The public session of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

No Executive Session of the Committee was required.

Respectfully submitted,

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