A meeting of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life was held in Empire Room B of the Hershey Lodge, Hershey, Pennsylvania, at 1:30 p.m. on March 19, 2015.

The following committee members, constituting a quorum, were present: Abe Harpster, Bill Oldsey, Allie Goldstein, Ryan McCombie, Alice Pope, and Pedro Rivera.

Representatives Jennifer Blew and Anand Ganjam were present, along with staff members Nick Jones, Rob Pangborn, and Ann Zirkle. Also in attendance were Graduate and Professional Student Association President Danielle Rhubart; Penn State College of Medicine faculty members Dwight Davis, Milind Kothari, and Terry Wolpaw; and Penn State College of Medicine students Eunice Chen, Mark Goerlitz-Jessen, and Elena Nehrbass.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Harpster at 1:34 p.m. The Minutes of the January 15, 2015 meeting of the Committee were approved.

The Committee reviewed two action items which were unanimously recommended for full board approval:

- A proposal to establish the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science in the College of Engineering (effective immediately);

- A proposal to change the name of the Department of Women’s Studies in the College of the Liberal Arts to the Department of Women’s Gender, and Sexuality Studies in the College of the Liberal Arts (effective immediately)

The Committee then reviewed a proposed administrative appointment, and unanimously approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves President Eric J. Barron’s appointment of Andrew L. Sears to the position of Dean of the College of Information Sciences and Technology effective July 1, 2015.

Chairman Harpster called on Nick Jones, Executive Vice President and Provost, and Rob Pangborn, Vice President and Dean for Undergraduate Education, for remarks to the Committee.

Rob Pangborn provided an update on the 2015 admissions cycle; tuition structures; international and state demographic comparisons; and culminating events related to Undergraduate Research programs. Additionally, he shared information about the Erickson Discovery Grant Program which is available to students beginning in the summer of 2015.
Nick Jones provided an update on meetings of the Strategic Plan working groups. Additionally, he reported that he is beginning his second rotation of Commonwealth Campus visits; the first rotation was completed during his first 18 months in office, beginning in July 2013.

University Park Undergraduate Association President Anand Ganjam, and Graduate and Professional Student Association President Danielle Rhubart provided a Student Governance Report for the academic year 2014-2015. It should be noted that Council of Commonwealth Student Government President John Shaffer was also invited, but unable to attend. Highlights of the report included student-driven initiatives in University governance; tuition and finance; student health; and legislative outreach. Executive summaries for each of the student governing bodies were also included.

The Committee received a presentation from students currently enrolled in the Penn State Hershey College of Medicine. Eunice Chen, Mark Goerlitz-Jessen, and Elena Nehrbass, provided a well-round overview of the medical college student experience, including curriculum, clinical skill development, career advising, clubs and organizations, and individual health and wellness.

Finally, the Committee discussed ways to mitigate annual tuition increases following a proposal made by Trustee Pope to consider a motion that would establish a zero percent tuition increase across the University.

The public session of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life was adjourned at 4:05 p.m. No Executive Session of the Committee was required.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Zirkle
Administrative Support Coordinator, Office of the Board of Trustees
Penn State

Student Governance Report

2014-2015 Year in Review

Anand Ganjam, President, University Park Undergraduate Association
Danielle Rhubart, President, Graduate and Professional Student Association
John Shaffer, President, Council of Commonwealth Student Governments
Collaborative Initiatives & Advocacy

- University Governance
- Tuition & Finance
- Student Health
- Legislative Outreach
University Governance

- Town Hall Forums with Dr. Barron
- University Strategic Plan Focus Group Sessions
- Trustee Town Hall Panel
- Codified Student-Selected Trustee
Tuition & Finance

- Facilities Fee Advisory Committee
- Student Activity Fee Board
- Commission on Student Fees

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Tuition & Finance

- Student Engagement with University Budget
  - Student on PDRB
  - Student Budget Advisory Committee
  - Involvement with Appropriations Request
  - Budget.psu.edu Recommendations
Student Health

- Student Health Insurance Task Force
- Mental Health
- Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness

CAPS to Help About 20 Percent More Students This Year

By Mindy Szkaradnik

After receiving $300,000 extra in funding at the beginning of this academic year, CAPS is on track to help about 20 percent more students than in previous years.
Legislative Outreach

- **Capital Day**
  - Steps for State
  - Drive for Strive
  - Student Platform
UPUA Year End Executive Summary

Academics
- Open Educational Resources
- Crediting Student Leadership
- Online Syllabi Archive
- Excused Absences for Interviews

Governmental Affairs
- Voter Registration
- Increased Downtown Lighting
- Student Borough Advisory Committee
UPUA Year End Executive Summary

**Student Life**
- Diversity Report
- Mental Health/Sexual Assault Awareness Weeks
- Student Death Memorials
- Expanded Finals Week Parking Hours

**Executive Initiatives**
- Roundtable-based Governance
- Virtual Involvement/Q&A Sessions
- Transitioning Webmail to 3rd Party Provider
CCSG Year End Executive Summary

Academic Initiatives:
● Gen Ed. reform focus groups
● Course Watchlist Changes
● Grade Replacement

Student Affairs:
● Smoking policy change
● International student recommendations
● Diversity Summit
CCSG Year End Executive Summary

Governmental Affairs:
● Drive to Strive Petition
● Campus legislator visits

Outreach:
● Website redesign
● Commonwealth Day of Service
● The Councilor
GPSA Year End Executive Summary

Outreach:
- Orientations
- Tours
- Newswire

Student Health:
- Student Health Insurance Contract
- Health Insurance FAQ Document
- Financial Literacy & Health Care Workshop Series

Student Concerns:
- Emergency Funding
- Campus Lighting Survey
GPSA Year End Executive Summary

Professional Development
- Thesis and Dissertation Boot Camp

Student Life Development & Networking Opportunities:
- Graduate & Professional Student Appreciation Week
- Collaborative & Family Friendly Tailgating Events
- Grad Cup
- Coffee Hours
- Winter Gala

Questions?
What is PSCOM doing to help reduce burn-out within the student body?
PSCOM Curriculum: an ongoing evolution

Out with the old......

In with the new......

Student centered and self-directed
Integration, balance and increased clinical experience

Humanities (patient project, ethics etc.)
Systems of healthcare
Clinical Skills (FPCC)

Clinical skills sessions
Primary Care Preceptorship
Early start to 3rd year

Better clinicians

Phase 1 – “Foundations”
July 2015- Feb 2017
More Government
• Medical students spend the majority of their time intensely studying as the curriculum is very demanding.
• Numerous studies have shown that nurturing and mentoring students through their education helps motivate them further towards a rewarding career in medicine. This may allow them to expand their medical knowledge, improve their clinical skills, and self-reflect for professional growth.
George T. Harrell’s Societies
Learning Communities

Structured model for clinical skills and advising

Infrastructure for a supportive academic environment

Provide students w/ a structured contiguous relationship, professional role models, and guidance

Create a wellness program for students
PSCOM Careers in Medicine

Early exposure to different specialties
- Career fair
- Short video interview series with Hershey program directors
- Shadowing Opportunities
- MSR Opportunities

Residency Applications
- Mock interviews
- Review of personal statements
- National registry consisting of alumni advice

USMLE Preparation
- Student led review sessions

Students being proactive and making well-informed career decisions

Awareness about resources such as AAMC Careers in Medicine and FREIDA Online
Careers in Medicine

CiM MS4 Celebration Dinner

Monday, May 11th | 6-8pm
UFC Tent
Student Organizations

Global Brigades
Kiss Hershey Back
Food as Medicine
Military Medicine Interest Group
Multicultural Awareness Club
Nittany Running Society
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Pulse
THON
Student Interest Groups and Events

Ken Burns Presents
CANCER
A FILM BY BARAK GOODMAN
Based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning book:
THE EMPEROR OF ALL MALADIES
Written by: Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee

This film tells the complete story of cancer, from its first description in an ancient Egyptian papyrus to the advanced technologies at modern research institutes. In its focus, the film interweaves a compelling historical narrative, with intimate stories about contemporary patients, and an investigation into the critical scientific breakthroughs that may have brought us, at long last, to the brink of ending cancer.

February 2015 Student Movie Presentation
Sponsored by the Departments of Humanities, Family & Community Medicine, Penn State Hershey Cancer Institute

MEET THE PRODUCER & DIRECTOR
Barak Goodman
Co-Founder of As Metis and a respected producer, director, and writer with five Emmy Awards and multiple Golden Globe, BAFTA, and Spirit Awards, Barak Goodman has written and directed for the Sundance Film Festival.

Join us for a 60 min EXCLUSIVE PREVIEW followed by a Panel Conversation with Barak Goodman and the Parents of Cancer Survivors, Emily Whithurst
February 12, 2015
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
JUNKER AUDITORIUM

Ground floor, Penn State Hershey Medical Center
This event is free and open to the public.
RSVP: https://www.hersheycommons.com/witf-cancer
For more information, call 717-531-6770

Watch the movie trailer on the Humanities website: meet.psu.edu/humanities
or visit: http://cancermovie.org
Back to the basic principles

• Nutrition
• Rest and sleep
• Exercise
• Relationships
• Work
• Fun
Penn State College of Medicine Wellness Program
The Mission of the PSCOM Wellness Program is to:

- Promote and incentivize wellness-related opportunities and activities
- Create an environment that encourages and supports work-life balance and provides varied opportunities for students to maintain physical, spiritual, community, and social balance
- Ensure that students have a means of pursuing their hobbies and interests by offering diverse programming
- Facilitate interdisciplinary participation and foster interclass participation among PSCOM students
What are Wellness Points??

Students should be motivated to get out and enjoy life, even during medical school!! Reward = Wellness Points
Society Cup Weekend 2014

- Sports – soccer, dodgeball, softball, volleyball, basketball, Ultimate frisbee, relay race, picnic games
- Cooking competition, Art show, show, trivia night
- Wellness Fair