MINUTES
LOCK HAVEN UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Wednesday, July 28, 2017
President’s Conference Room
Ulmer Hall

Chairman Durrwachter called the special meeting of the Council of Trustees to order at 11:35 am.

Council Members Present:
George Durrwachter
James Gregory

Council Members connected by phone:
Mary Coploff
Margery Krevsky Dosey
Daniel Elby
Guy Graham
Deborah Suder

Council Members Absent:
Thomas Bates
Krystjan Callahan
Michael Hanna, Jr.

Others Present:
Michael Fiorentino, Jr., President
Gwen Bechdel, Recording Secretary

A. MATTERS FOR DECISION

1. 2017-2022 Strategic Plan

President Fiorentino shared that the format of the plan presented today is very different than those developed in the past to align with the structure of Middle State’s requirements for general goals and measurable key performance indicators. The process in developing the document included the establishment of a steering committee and four subcommittees (Academic Excellence, Financial Sustainability, Responsibility, and Partnerships). Over a six-month period this group, with representatives from all campus constituents, worked to develop the goals and key indicators. Their recommendations were worked through for cohesiveness and the final document is presented for consideration today.
Trustee Elby inquired about the Mission Statement’s emphasis on a foundation in the liberal arts and sciences as it relates to the original mission of education. President Fiorentino responded that all majors are exposed to a core of liberal arts coursework through the general education requirements. Although the shift in majors has moved to STEM offerings, teacher education will remain a priority as there will an increasing need for teachers in the coming years. Trustee Elby asked if the focus on diversity has shifted from ethnic to cultural backgrounds. President Fiorentino responded that diversity of cultural perspectives are built into the curriculum. Trustee Elby also asked if the University has been successful in hiring faculty with Ph.d.s and terminal degrees. President Fiorentino shared that the University has been actively recruiting highly qualified faculty rather than just advertising positions, and that current hires have the highest degrees in their fields. Additionally, pools of candidates that do not meet quality and diversity minimums have not been considered.

Motion was made by Trustee Graham, seconded by Trustee Gregory, to approve the 2017-2022 Strategic Plan.

The Motion carried as indicated by the following roll call votes cast:

Mary Coploff Yea
George Durrwachter Yea
Daniel Elby Yea
Guy Graham Yea
Margery Krevsky Dosey Yea
James Gregory Yea
Deborah Suder Yea

President Fiorentino encouraged the Trustees to participate in the live web-stream of the consultant’s report to the Board of Governors on the afternoon of July 12, 2017. Additional information concerning a more specific time and links to connect will be communicated as soon as they are shared.

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Coploff
Secretary

Gwen Bechdel
Recording Secretary