

MINUTES
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
Council of Trustees' Special Meeting

Friday, February 4, 2011
Reeder Lecture Hall

Chairman Shields called the Special Meeting of the Edinboro University of Pennsylvania Council of Trustees to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Reeder Lecture Hall. He requested the Acting Recording Secretary, Barbara Plunkett, to conduct Roll Call. The following Council members were either in attendance or participated via teleconference:

Mr. Terry Darcangelo
Mr. John Evans
Mr. Dennis Frampton
Mr. Daniel Higham
Mr. John Horan
Sr. Catherine Manning
Mrs. Virginia McGarvey
Mr. John Pulice – via phone
Mr. Harold Shields
Mr. Harry Thomas – via phone

Absent: Dr. Raymond Dombrowski

In addition to President Brown, the following individuals were in attendance at the public meeting:

Dr. Alan Biel, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research
Ms. Kimberly Fabrizio, Executive Assistant to the President
Dr. Michael Hannan, Associate Dean of Business
Ms. Judith Kubeja, Senior Executive Associate to the Provost
Ms. Coleen Panko, Coordinator of Special Events
Mr. Jeff Pinski, Associate Director of University Communications
Ms. Barbara Plunkett, Acting Recording Secretary
Ms. Amy Neil, Assistant Vice President for Communications and Marketing
Dr. Thomas White, President, University Senate/Nursing Department
Mr. Bruce Whitehair, Vice President of University Advancement

Guests: Mr. Dan Bucho, Public Citizen
Dr. Louella "Bunny" Bucho, Retired Faculty Emeritus
Ms. Nancy Crawford, Public Citizen
Ms. Carrie Crow, Public Citizen
Ms. Susan Eastman, Public Citizen
Dr. David and Mrs. Jan Giltinan, Retired Faculty Emeriti
Mr. John Groh, Public Citizen
Ms. Kelly Schruers Harrison, Public Citizen
Ms. Ginny Klein, Public Citizen
Ms. Kate Zahorchak, Public Citizen

Following Roll Call, Chairman Shields verified that a quorum was present. He then opened the floor for Public Comment. He reminded the public that comments would be held to a five minute maximum as has been past practice. Chairman Shields recognized the first public speaker and asked her to state her name. The individual who stepped forward identified herself as Carrie Crow, class of 1995, and a citizen of the town. Ms. Crow thanked the Trustees for the opportunity to address her concerns regarding the Homecoming Parade route through town. She stated that she represents many individuals who have been actively lobbying for the return of the parade route through town. Ms. Crow provided six copies/sets of email responses she received on this topic and asked Council members to review them at their convenience. For the record, Ms. Crow applauded Dr. Brown for "doing great things here." She further indicated that one's perception of higher quality, better standards, and campus growth has made change for the better which cannot be denied. In closing, Ms. Crow asked for the return of this valued tradition.

Chairman Shields thanked Ms. Crow for her comments. He invited others in attendance to deliver public comment. The Chair recognized five individual speakers during the Public Comment period. These included:

Ginny Klein, alumna of the university. Ms. Klein informed the Trustees of the submission of a letter to the editor at the *Erie Times-News*, which was published October 1, 2010. The headline of her letter read "Homecoming Disappoints Edinboro Alum." She shared with readers not only her fond memories of previous parades routed through campus and town, but also her embarrassment for the current format and parade entries (garbage truck and plain yellow school bus) that seem to have no meaning. Ms. Klein petitioned for the return of the parade route through campus and town so that these two entities could be brought back together.

Dr. Louella "Bunny" Bucho, long-time resident of Edinboro and retired faculty Emeritus (32 years teaching experience). Dr. Bucho spoke of the positive changes she perceives as a result of bringing the parade to campus. The success of the event is growing, there is plenty of parking, opportunities for vendors, and a "Wee Scot" play area for the children. She feels strongly that Edinboro University should be showcased during these types of university-wide events which are open to campus and community constituents.

Ms. Kate Zahorchak, long-time member of the Edinboro community. Although she was not an alumnus of this institution, Ms. Zahorchak indicated that she grew up in the area and had been a long-time resident of the Edinboro community. Based on her observations and family's reaction, it is her opinion that the parade is a disappointment.

Mr. John Groh, noted that he was an employee of the Borough of Edinboro, but not serving as an official representative of the Borough. He attended the Council meeting on his own time (lunch break) so that he could speak. Mr. Groh believes that the Borough and university need to work together; an adversarial relationship is not good and not going to work to bring about a resolution or compromise.

Ms. Shannon Hokas, an Edinboro graduate and local business owner in Edinboro. Ms. Hokas stated that she's attended or seen every parade since 1988. Now that she is a local business owner, it is difficult for her to close her business and come to campus for the parade. She expressed a commitment to help promote the parade if it were brought back to town and hoped that other area businesses would join her in this endeavor.

Hearing no other requests by members of the public to speak, Chairman Shields thanked the speakers for their comments and moved to close the Public Comment period.

Chairman Shields announced to those in attendance that the public meeting session was now closed so that the Council could meet in Executive Session. The Chair asked those present to vacate the lecture hall since the Executive Session would be held in this location. He noted that at the conclusion of this session notification would be made to the Acting Recording Secretary so that Special Meeting could reconvene.

At 3:10 p.m., Chairman Shields reconvened the Special Meeting of the Edinboro University Council of Trustees. The Chair confirmed a quorum still existed for the conduct of business. Prior to the delivery of the report by the Chair of the Presidential Evaluation Committee, Chairman Shields announced that the Council had decided to review issues and concerns about the Homecoming Parade raised during the Public Comment period during its scheduled April 18 study session. At that time, the Council will review the current process, why the change was made and all other data associated with this matter.

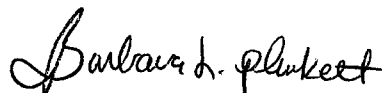
Chairman Shields yielded the floor to the Chair of the Presidential Evaluation Committee, Trustee John Horan. He formally thanked Council members Catherine Manning and Dennis Frampton who assisted him in this process. After reviewing the presidential evaluation process, including the method for obtaining input from the various university constituent groups, Trustee Horan presented the following recommendation in the form of a Resolution. **It was voted**, on motion of Trustee Horan, seconded by Trustees Manning and Frampton, to approve the evaluation as presented by the Presidential Evaluation Committee and forward it to the Chancellor's office with the Council's recommendation for extension of President Jeremy D. Brown's contract to June 30, 2014. Due to the telephonic participation by Council members Pulice and Thomas, the Chair requested a Roll Call vote.

Results – Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Absent
Trustee Darcangelo	X		
Trustee Dombrowski			X
Trustee Evans	X		
Trustee Frampton	X		
Trustee Higham	X		
Trustee Horan	X		
Trustee Manning	X		
Trustee McGarvey	X		
Trustee Pulice (phone)	X		
Trustee Shields	X		
Trustee Thomas (phone)	X		

For the record, Chairman Shields noted that the motion carried with unanimous approval by the Council. Chairman Shields extended congratulations on behalf of the Council to President Brown and also thanked the Evaluation Committee for a job well done.

Chairman Shields called for additional comments and/or concerns for the good of the order. Hearing none, the Chair entertained a motion calling for adjournment of the meeting. **It was voted**, on motion of Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Darcangelo, to adjourn the meeting. The Special Meeting of the Council adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next scheduled public, quarterly business meeting of the Council will be held on Monday, March 14, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara L. Plunkett
Acting Recording Secretary