



BU APSCUF NEWSLETTER

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Alternative Representative to State Coaches Committee— Vacant

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From the APSCUF President

At a recent Space and Facilities Committee meeting, Dr. Jonathan Lincoln explained the upcoming renovations to Bakeless Center for the Humanities and the east wing of Hartline Science Center. He expressed the need to effectively communicate to the university community the renovation schedules and the probably changes to class schedules and offices. I offered him this forum.

Here is the text of his message...Stephen Kokoska

Two major building renovations will begin within the next year: Bakeless Center for the Humanities and the east wing of Hartline Science Center. Unfortunately, the State capital funding cycle for Bakeless, the urgency of the needed repairs in east Hartline and the increased cost that would result from delaying either project have resulted in overlapping renovation schedules. These renovations will provide substantial improvements in HVAC, plumbing, and electrical systems as well as new finishes and code compliance. However, due to the large number of classrooms, laboratories and offices in both of these buildings, the temporary closures necessary to complete the renovation will impact the entire campus. The purpose of this communication is to let the campus know what to expect during these renovations.

Plans call for closing one half of the classroom wing in Bakeless (rooms 101-106; 201-206; 301-306; Basement) for Spring and Summer 2009 and closing the other half (rooms 107-111, 207-211, 307-311) for Summer and Fall 2009. The entire building (including the office wing) will close for Summer 2009. The East wing of Hartline is scheduled to close at the start of Summer 2009 and reopen for the Fall 2010 semester.

As with past renovations, we are arranging for temporary faculty and department office space for those who are displaced. Departments in the College of Science and Technology are also working on plans to accommodate their laboratory schedules in the spaces available in the newer wing of Hartline. However, because these departments will be doubling the use of some rooms, laboratory teaching schedules may be different than in past semesters.

Perhaps the greatest University-wide impact of these renovations will be a temporary reduction in available classroom space. During the Spring 2009 semester, we will have 14 fewer general classrooms available for scheduling. In the Fall 2009 semester, there will be 18 fewer general classrooms available. The good news is that we do have enough overall general classroom capacity to accommodate this temporary loss of space. However, there will be less flexibility in scheduling. We currently have 20 time slots available for each classroom. For the duration of the renovation projects we will need to schedule an average of 15 to 16 sections in each classroom rather than the current 12 to 13 sections. This will necessitate using more early morning and late afternoon time slots than are currently scheduled. Departments may also be assigned to alternate rooms during the renovations; these changes will be reflected in the priority rooms assigned to departments when the Spring Master Schedule materials are sent to chairs later this semester.

I greatly appreciate the patience and understanding of our faculty, staff and students during recent and ongoing renovation and construction; these projects are never easy but the spirit of community and cooperation typical at Bloomsburg University helps a great deal!

Jonathan Lincoln
Assistant Vice President; Dean for Undergraduate Education

Legislative Assembly News

DELEGATES ELECT OFFICERS AT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Delegates attending APSCUF's April Legislative Assembly in Grantville Saturday elected officers for the next two years, and Lock Haven University professor Steve Hicks won a three-person race for president. Hicks defeated incumbent Pat Heilman of IUP in a close race that ultimately took three ballots.

Also in the running for the office was current vice president Burrell Brown of California University.

The race for vice president took multiple ballots to arrive at a winner as well, and Amy Walters of Slippery Rock University emerged as the winner. Jace Condrary of Slippery Rock and Mary Jo Campbell of Edinboro were the other candidates for that office.

Helen Bieber of Kutztown University was unopposed in her re-election bid for secretary of the organization. APSCUF will have a new treasurer as Christopher Hallen of Bloomsburg University defeated incumbent John Henry Steelman of IUP.

The delegates also elected members of the State Audit and Budget committees to two-year terms. Securing slots on the Audit Committee were Mary Jane Kuffner Hirt of IUP, Stephen Agyei-Mensah of Clarion, and Beth Mullaney of Cheyney. Budget Committee winners included Paul Quinn of Kutztown, Eric Hawrelak of Bloomsburg, and Clifford Johnston of West Chester.

APSCUF SPRING SOCIAL

Please join us to honor retiring APSCUF members and to celebrate the spring season!

Where?

Frosty Valley Country Club
2202 Bloom Road
Danville, PA 17821
570-275-4000



When?

Friday, May 2, 2008
6:00 p.m. Social Hour
7:00 p.m. Dinner
8:00 p.m. Ceremony
9:00-11:00 p.m. Dancing

Please RSVP by April 18, 2008.

\$15.00 a person.

Frosty Valley's dress code: No Jeans

DINNER BUFFET

Chicken Cordon Bleu
Broiled Salmon with Tomato-Basil Relish
Five-Spice London Broil
Roasted Red Potatoes
Vegetable Medley
Salad, Dinner Rolls

DESSERT

Apple Crisp & Brownies
With Vanilla Ice Cream & Chocolate Sauce
Coffee, Tea, and Iced Tea

*Vegetarian Dish available

Vegetable over pasta
covered with buttery sauce.

Please request when you RSVP.

Beer, Wine, & Soda provided by APSCUF
Cash Bar

Update on Chancellor Search

Message from Pat Heilman: I inquired about the status of the Chancellor's Search. The Chair of the Search Committee responded that all of the candidates in the pool meet the academic qualifications put forward by ASPCUF; second interviews will be conducted by mid-April; when the field is narrowed to the three finalists,

APSCUF will be notified for face-to-face meetings with each of the finalists; it is not expected that the final three candidates will be selected prior to the April 9-10, 2008, BOG meeting. He added that the search committee is very satisfied with the depth and breadth of the candidates.



WINDOW TO OPEN APRIL 1st 20/26 ANNUAL PAY OPTION

Pursuant to APSCUF's efforts, an agreement was reached at State Meet and Discuss to open an annual window period (April) for 9-months faculty who are interested in changing their pay options instead of once per every new contract (3-4 years). This year, faculty members may change from 20 to 26 pays and vice-versa

during a window period that opens from April 1, 2008 to April 30, 2008. The change will be effective the first paycheck of the fall 2008 semester. If you choose to change your option please complete the 20/26 Pay Option form and return it to the Human Resources office.

E-mail Communication

Please be aware that material and e-mail on university computers can be accessed by management. Be cautious in your personal e-mail communications and the information you store on your university computer.

Personal email communications include those that are union-related including grievances, questions regarding the CBA, etc.

APSCUF Scholarship Winners for Spring 2008

CONGRATULATIONS to the students who were awarded a \$400 APSCUF scholarship for Spring 2008. These students are adults who are continuing their education. We wish them well in their academic endeavors.



Back row: Dr. Barbara Wert, Dr. John Polhill, Dr. Stephen Kokoska, John Bowers
Front row: Tania Galarza, Teresa Drucker, Dawn Hoffman



From left: Dr. Stephen Kokoska, Elaine Keating, Dr. Joseph Andreacci

Pat Heilman's Remarks to the BOG, 4-9-08

I must, first of all, correct the information from yesterday that the faculty contract cost for 08-09 will result in an increase of 5% or more. The across-the-board will be 3%; only 46% of faculty move on step (meaning 54% of faculty will receive only the 3% GPI), so the actual increase in faculty payroll will be more like 4.4%. So, if you are seeking parity between what faculty will receive and management will receive, the 4.4% merit poll would be more accurate.

Joint advocacy for public support of Pennsylvania public higher education is necessary if PASSHE is to survive. At a conference this past weekend, President Angelo Armenti of California U of PA gave some pretty powerful statistics that showed that, at the rate of declining state appropriations, PA's public institutions are becoming privatized – and without a plan. We don't have too much time left to turn this trend around – and it's not something that any group can do alone. We need to include faculty, administrators, students, alumni, etc., in this effort. Other states have launched joint advocacy projects that have proven very successful. The Massachusetts' PHENOM Project (Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts) is a case in point. We must educate the citizens of Pennsylvania about the importance of investing in public higher education so that they, too, lobby their legislators for more support. APSCUF looks forward to working with you on this endeavor.

Last evening I received an email from a PASSHE faculty member who came to one of our universities because of the addition of domestic partner benefits in our recent contract. I would hope that members of our Board will oppose SB 1250 as passage of this bill has the potential to take away a hard-won benefit and exacerbate an already critical faculty recruitment and retention situation.

I would like to congratulate all of the people being recognized at this board meeting: The Syed R Ali-Zaidi Award for Academic Excellence (Brendon Johnson from West Chester University) and our two student Board members Ryan and Joseph who will be graduating. I have enjoyed hearing their comments at these meetings and witnessing their steadfast commitment to the students of our universities.

President Adler is wished well in her retirement. I regret that I did not have more opportunities to meet with her over the years to discuss issues of common concern. I believe I met more often with her husband Fred Lane at Collective Bargaining conferences, and he always kept me up-to-date on your activities and the well-being of West Chester. I hope you enjoy your retirement in Cape Cod.

Chancellor Hample is being honored today for her service to PASSHE, and I congratulate her on her new position at the University of Mary Washington. We have had many opportunities to discuss issues and problems, including academic quality issues, faculty recruitment and retention issues, communications issues, and so on. Given our positions, we did not always agree. There were times, however, when we worked collaboratively and held off major problems by coming to a common ground. It was during those times when the true spirit of shared governance, shared problem-solving resulted in good outcomes for all. I hope the next chancellor also embraces the importance of open dialogue and that the interchange continues.

We, do, however, also have a faculty member being recognized here today. And, this is a truly unique event. Wilma Cavill from Slippery Rock is celebrating 50 years of service! Wilma literally is Slippery Rock. And, she is APSCUF, too. She has mentored many of us in the union since Wilma predates the union (by quite a few years). She formed the women's caucus within APSCUF where many women, myself included, were mentored into leadership roles. She is the voice of reason within our assembly, sometimes reminding us that we will live to fight another day, that not all battles can be won at once. Wilma is walking history: of Slippery Rock, of APSCUF, of PASSHE. What an asset for our students to have in the classroom and for us faculty to have as a colleague and friend. And, I congratulate her on this recognition.

APSCUF/BU General Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 24th @ 3:30 p.m.
Schweiker Conference Room, AL



ATTENTION: APSCUF/APSCURF members

**FREE
APSCUF GOLFING!**



HURRY! HURRY! HURRY!

First come, first serve.

Please contact Ty Marks at tmarks@apscuf.org to reserve your spot.

APSCUF/CAP is regularly invited to contribute to election campaigns by participating in fundraiser golf tournaments. Interested APSCUF/APSCURF faculty members will be contacted at the campuses closest to the area of the candidate's golf fundraiser event to see if anyone is available to play. Sign up is on a first to respond/first served basis. The fundraisers usually look for a foursome but sometimes less or more.

If you are interested in playing golf FOR FREE this year you should email Ty Marks at APSCUF headquarters and get yourself put on the list. Retirees are welcome.