

APSCUF MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 1, 2009 – 12:30 p.m.

SWC Auditorium

Minutes

President Jace Condravy called the meeting to order at 12:40

- I. **Review of 4/9/09 minutes** – Cavill/Walters motion to approve; passed unanimously.
- II. **Approval of SRU APSCUF budget** – James Hathaway presented the proposed budget for 2009-2010. Walters/Cohen motion to accept; passed unanimously.
- III. **Guest Speakers:** President Steve Hicks, State APSCUF, discussed the state budget and how it affects APSCUF. President Hicks reported that the state appropriation was cut by 4.5% in 10/08 and further reductions were taken since then, resulting in continuing decreases in funding provided for higher education. Other states have had employees take furlough days totaling as much as 15% of their pay. PA does not allow for furlough days to be imposed and would have to negotiate them. For faculty, furlough days would simply result in a cut in pay. In some states, tuition and fee increases, as well as faculty raise deferments have been used in attempt to balance the budget.

In the proposed state budget, an articulation agreement with community colleges will require only 60 credit hours in residency at a 4-year institution. Programs with more than 60 hours in the major will need to reexamine their programs because many students will take the first 60 credits at community college to save money and will expect to graduate by taking only 60 credits at the university level. This law will expire with the budget in June 2010 and may be amended at that time.

Nancy Koutris, Director, Membership Services discussed HealthyU, Phase III. She reported that 81% of faculty participated in Phase I, 85% in Phase II. Changes for Phase III include both the member and spouse must accept the pledge and complete the wellness profile. In addition, there is a new points system to clarify progress toward requirements. All Phase III requirements must be completed by 5/31/10. However, dates for requirements completed up to 6/30/10 can be entered into the system. Phase III is the final phase negotiated under the current CBA; further requirements of the program will be negotiated in future contracts.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Frances Russo, SRU-APSCUF Secretary