Notice having been given in accordance with the Board of Trustees Bylaws, the following members met in the Assembly Room in McFall Center on October 5, 2001: David A. Bryan, Chair; Valerie L. Newell, Vice Chair; Leon D. Bibb; Sharon S. Cook; Edward A. Ferkany; John F. Harbal, II; Jarrod F. Hirschfeld; Michael J. Marsh; Robert Smith; and Michael R. Wilcox. Kermit F. Stroh was absent.

Also present were President Sidney Ribeau; Deborah Magrum, Secretary to the Board; James Evans, 2001-02 Faculty Representative to the Board; John M. Clark, 2001-02 Administrative Staff Representative to the Board; Joe Skariah, 2001-02 Graduate Student Representative to the Board; Anne Tracy, 2001-02 Classified Staff Representative to the Board; Tom Gerrity, 2001-02 Firelands College Board Representative; Jonathan Bragg, 2001-02 Undergraduate Student Representative to the Board; J. Christopher Dalton, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration; Linda S. Dobb, Executive Vice President; John W. Folkins, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Edward G. Whipple, Vice President for Student Affairs; Gaylyn Finn, Treasurer; media representatives; and a number of observers.

Chair Bryan called the meeting to order at 1:55 p.m., the Board Secretary called the roll and announced that a quorum was present (8 trustees).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ribeau began his report by commenting on the campus response to the events of September 11, in particular to the National Day of Mourning. He acknowledged Dr. Jim Evans and the Faculty Senate for their role in initiating the planning of a campus wide event. Constituent group leaders worked diligently until an event was planned, one which ended up attracting 5,000-7,000 people. President Ribeau further stated that it was a marvelous testimony to the campus and its concern and commitment, and to the leadership of Dr. Evans and the Faculty Senate.

Second, he formally welcomed Dr. Jim Smith, Dean of Firelands College. Dr. Smith came to BGSU from Indiana University, South Bend where he was a Dean of Education.

In addressing enrollment, Dr. Ribeau reported that headcount enrollment is up by 3.6% this fall. This includes a record-breaking number of new full-time first-year students of almost 3,600. Dr. Ribeau expressed that bigger by itself is not the goal; it is to provide a higher quality education and produce more intellectual students.

Dr. Ribeau concluded his report with an announcement about the Gist 25th Anniversary and benefit performance of “Love Letters” at the Eva Marie Saint theatre on Saturday, October 13, 2001 with proceeds to benefit the Eva Marie Saint Scholarship Fund. A special showing of “Trip to Bountiful” will be held on Sunday, October 14, 2001. Tickets can be obtained by contacting the Development Office.
MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Marsh and seconded by Mr. Ferkany that the minutes of the June 29, 2001 meeting be approved as written. The motion carried.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Personnel Changes Since June 29, 2001 Meeting

Mr. Wilcox reported that the committee met that morning and reviewed one action item and five report items.

No. 1-2002 Mr. Wilcox moved and Mr. Ferkany seconded that the Board of Trustees has reviewed and ratified the personnel changes since the June 29, 2001 meeting. The motion was approved with no negative votes. (See complete Board Book of October 5, 2001 on file in Jerome Library.)

Mr. Wilcox reported that Mark Gromko gave a presentation on building premier academic and support programs for the 21st century; Linda Dobb and her team reported on enhancing services to students through technology, and gave a demonstration on the new web portal and its uses; Dr. Whipple reviewed the university's crisis management plan and how it was implemented for the September 11 tragedy; Dr. Balzer discussed some of the university's web-based initiatives and distance education, the forefront of the university for a whole lot of reasons; and Provost Folkins summarized enrollment numbers for fall.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Ms. Newell reported that the committee had met that morning and reviewed five action items and a number of discussion items.

Proposed Naming of Mall Area Between Harshman and Kreischer Quadrangles

No. 2-2002 Ms. Newell moved and Mr. Marsh seconded that, in accordance with recommendations made by the Honorary Degrees and Commemoratives Committee, and the University President, the new mall area replacing the Peregrine Pond between Harshman and Kreischer Quadrangles be named “Alumni Mall – Celebrating the Spirit of International Unity” in recognition of current and future financial and in-kind contributions from Bowling Green State University alumni throughout the world. The motion was approved with no negative votes.

State-Funded Capital Budget Request

No. 3-2002 Ms. Newell moved and Mr. Marsh seconded that the Proposed State-Funded Capital Budget Request for Bowling Green State University be endorsed for forwarding to the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents. The motion was approved with no negative votes.
Proposed Increases in Out-of-Cycle and Emergency Auxiliary Improvement Project Threshold Levels

No. 4-2002

Ms. Newell moved and Mr. Marsh seconded that the threshold levels at which out-of-cycle and emergency auxiliary improvement projects require formal Board approval or ratification be raised to 20% of the depreciation reserve balance for the respective project, up to a limit of $75,000, or up to a limit of $25,000 for projects whose 20% threshold level is less than $25,000, as long as the threshold amounts do not exceed the depreciation reserve balance for the respective project.

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting "yes" – Mr. Bibb, Mr. Bryan, Ms. Cook, Mr. Ferkany, Mr. Harbal, Mr. Marsh, Ms. Newell and Mr. Wilcox. The motion was approved with eight affirmative votes.

Proposed General Fees, Effective Spring Semester 2002

No. 5-2002

Ms. Newell moved and Mr. Marsh seconded that approval be given to the Proposed General Fees for the Main Campus and Off-Campus Centers, as listed, effective Spring Semester 2002. The $80 per semester general fee increase is dedicated to paying debt service and operating costs for the new Bowen-Thompson Student Union. (See complete Board Book of October 5, 2001 on file in Jerome Library.)

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting "yes" - Mr. Bibb, Mr. Bryan, Ms. Cook, Mr. Ferkany, Mr. Harbal, Mr. Marsh, Ms. Newell and Mr. Wilcox. The motion was approved with eight affirmative votes.

Proposed Changes to Employee Health Care Benefit Plan Design

No. 6-2002

Ms. Newell moved and Mr. Marsh seconded that approval be given to the proposed changes in the employee health care benefit plan design, as outlined in the attached. (See complete Board Book of October 5, 2001 on file in Jerome Library.)

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting "yes" – Mr. Bibb, Mr. Bryan, Ms. Cook, Mr. Ferkany, Mr. Harbal, Mr. Marsh, Ms. Newell and Mr. Wilcox. The motion was approved with eight affirmative votes.

Ms. Newell announced that the committee reviewed Mr. Waddle’s Status of Capital Improvements Report, the fourth-quarter budget report, new accounting standards and how those will be implemented in our financial system, and current financial ratios to be reported to the Ohio Board of Regents.
OTHER ITEMS

Sponsored Grants and Contracts Awarded: June, July, August 2001

No. 7-2002  Mr. Marsh moved and Mr. Ferkany seconded that grants and/or contracts in the amount of $8,383,559.50 for the months of June, July and August 2001, be accepted and expenditures applicable thereto in that amount be authorized. The motion was approved with no negative votes. (See complete Board Book of October 5, 2001 on file in Jerome Library.)

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REPORTS-CONSTITUENT REPRESENTATIVES

Firelands College Representative-Thomas Garriety

Mr. Garriety reported that the current Firelands enrollment is the largest in the history of the college and attributed this success to the support and effort of everyone at Firelands and many people on the main campus.

In response to the September 11 tragedy, Firelands held a peace vigil on September 19, 2001 and immediately following, Dr. Muego led a well-attended discussion on politics and religion. Mr. Gerrity thanked Sandy DiCarlo, Student and Campus Activities, and Dr. Dailey, lecturer of English and Women’s Studies, for putting the program together in a short period of time. A brief counseling session was also held on October 1, 2001.

On October 3 Firelands held an open house for advisory board members at the new VCT lab. This state-of-the-art lab was needed to provide a new bachelor’s degree in technology at Firelands.

Mr. Gerrity noted two Firelands faculty members who were recognized at the recent Faculty Recognition Dinner: Dr. Cynthia Migieietti, Accounting, Distinguished Service Award finalist, and Dr. Christopher Mruk, Psychology, Master Teacher Award finalist.

Mr. Garriety concluded his remarks by thanking Mr. Bibb for being a liaison to Firelands College and welcomed Mr. Harbal as the new liaison to Firelands. He invited the community to the Cedar Point Center groundbreaking scheduled on Thursday, October 18, 2001.
Administrative Staff Representative-John Clark

Dr. Clark thanked the Board for the opportunity to report. On September 20, Administrative Staff Council hosted its 19th Annual Administrative Staff Council Ferrari Award Banquet and presentation. Larry Holland, Facilities Services, was the Ferrari Award recipient this year. Six university students also were awarded a total of $5,600 in scholarships.

Dr. Clark commented that this year there had been significant collaborative communication among Administrative Staff and other constituents and leaders on campus. Administrative Staff Council members met with Human Resources representatives regularly throughout the summer, which provided many opportunities to discuss the unfolding proposal for health and welfare from the Health, Wellness, and Insurance Committee. They also meet regularly with members of classified Staff Council, Constituent Group Caucus, President Ribeau, Dr. Dobb, President’s Panel, and President’s Compensation Group. Dr. Clark thanked Dr. Evans for allowing Administrative and Classified Staff Councils to have representatives at Faculty Senate meetings this year.

Dr. Clark stated that Administrative Staff Council is concluding the process of updating and clarifying the Administrative Staff Compensation Plan document. A committee with representatives from each employee group is working with Human Resources to clarify and to make the policy statements regarding employee leaves more consistent.

Dr. Clark expressed gratitude for a base-merit percentage greater than the BGSU state-subsidy increase. He said that Administrative Staff are equally grateful that there was no corresponding release of BGSU employees in securing this 3% base merit and that market adjustment distributions brought five administrative staff employees closer to the first quartile of their respective pay ranges.

Dr. Clark reviewed the Administrative Staff priorities for the year. They include completing the education and planning adjustments necessary for the best possible and most rational health care plan for BGSU employees, proactive planning for advancement in real spendable income throughout administrative staff career at BGSU and for appropriate salary adjustments relative to the recruiting market, and implementation of the administrative staff teaching proposal, now in its 5th year of consideration, to allow compensation at least equivalent to part-time rates for outside-of-duty BGSU teaching by administrative staff.

Classified Staff Representative—Anne Tracy

Ms. Tracy began by introducing Barb Garay, Science Library, who is serving as Vice-chair for Classified Staff Council this year. Ms. Tracy informed the Board of 2001-02 goals for CSC, which are: 91) oversee the review of the merit based compensation plan as recommended during year three of the plan; (2) provide access to appropriate technology for all classified staff, directed primarily towards employees working in the Facilities and Dining Services areas where access to computers can be limited; (3) work closely with the Office of Human Resources to research the possibility of an independent health care provider for part-time employees; (4) continue to increase scholarship fund monies; (5) ensure that the Classified Handbook on the web is accurate and updated regularly; and (6) developed a bi-annual newsletter to further improve communications between Classified Staff Council and classified staff.
Ms. Tracy reported that CSC sponsored a hospitality tent before the faculty/staff football game on September 8, 2001. The event was extremely well attended and all those who visited the tent enjoyed food, fun, and camaraderie. Ms. Tracy thanked President Ribeau and Executive Vice President Linda Dobb for making complimentary tickets to the game available for faculty and staff. CSC hopes that the faculty/staff game along with the generous ticket offer will be an annual event.

On behalf of the employees of the University Bookstore, Ms. Tracy thanked President Ribeau, Vice President Dalton, Jane Schmipf and the Bookstore Management Evaluation Team for the decision to allow the bookstore to remain self-operated. The employees are very grateful for the opportunity to continue working together toward the common goal of ensuring the success of the bookstore in its new location in the Union.

CSC is prepared to assist the office of Human Resources and the Administration in educating staff about the changes in the health care plan. Ms. Tracy explained CSC agrees that staff need to become more knowledgeable, better informed users of the health care plan, and Council is prepared to help communicate those strategies and options to staff. Ms. Tracy concluded by thanking the Board for the opportunity to communicate CSC's goals, and she looks forward to giving future updates.

**Faculty Representative—Jim Evans**

Dr. Evans updated the Board on four issues being addressed by Faculty Senate. The first one is a proposed revision to the University’s Merit Policy for Faculty. This policy called for reviews at approximately 3-year intervals. The current process has involved the Provost’s Task Force of faculty, chairs, and deans, which presented a report to the Provost earlier this fall. The Provost has accepted those recommendations and forwarded them to the Faculty Senate. At the present time, the Faculty Welfare Committee is completing its review and this issue will be on the November Senate agenda.

The second issue is a proposed charter amendment that would create a new Faculty Senate standing committee called the Committee on Professional Affairs. The goal of this new committee will be to help the faculty become better aware and more fully engaged in helping to make the case for higher education to the general public. This is an issue that arose from the State budget crisis last spring, when a core group of faculty, students, and staff worked closely with the Administration on legislative outreach in Columbus. This year, as part of these continuing efforts, a series of government officials have been invited to address the Faculty Senate. In September, the Mayor of Bowling Green discussed university-community relationships. Next month, state Senator Randy Gardner will be addressing the Faculty Senate about Ohio budget issues.

The third issue is related to sustainability. Ten years ago BGSU became the only university in Ohio and one of only two schools in the MAC to be a signatory of the Talloires Declaration which calls upon universities to establish sustainability as an institution priority. Sustainability goes beyond academic programs. It also affects procurement policies, capital development and building design, university operations and maintenance, and marketing strategies. Bowling Green faculty are now working with the Provost and the Campus Master Planning Committee to find ways to
implement the Talloires Declaration and adopt sustainability as a strategic initiative and a core value.

Fourth, many faculty have concerns about academic freedom issues, in the wake of the September 11th terrorist attacks. Dr. Evans explained that they are deeply disturbed about national news stories of harassment of faculty and students at other schools. In addition, there are grave concerns about the safety and treatment of international students, the privacy of student records, and proposals for electronic wiretapping or monitoring of communication via e-mail or use of the Web. In conclusion, Dr. Evans stated that it is the faculty's hope, that the Board will find the appropriate time and public venue to indicate their strong support for academic freedom and the right for peaceful dissent that is the underpinning of any honest educational system.

Undergraduate Student Representative—Jonathan Bragg

Mr. Bragg began by thanking President Ribeau for not canceling classes on September 11. Numerous students have expressed how grateful they were that President Ribeau offered a non-threatening atmosphere in the classroom where students could articulate how they were feeling on the day of the attacks on America.

Undergraduate Student Government had its annual retreat last weekend. This retreat included discussions about the obligations of a senator and team building exercises. In addition, Vice-President Whipple shared his insight on what makes a strong student government.

Mr. Bragg shared accomplishments of USG to date this year. All positions within USG and on every university standing committee have been filled by 64 students. Emergency phones have been renovated with blue globes at the top. A survey of McDonald residence halls was completed as a test run to determine what changes the students would like to see at BGSU and explain the role of USG; if a satisfactory return is achieved, then all living units on campus will receive this survey. The Academic Affairs Committee is planning an academic advising forum for November 15th. The Organizational Liaison Committee is planning roundtables, as a great way for organizations to come out and interact with each other as well as with administrators.

USG is also planning a Diversity Day with other organizations on February 9, 2002, to exhibit different cultures to the student body through the presentation of food, dance, music, art and poetry. Diversity gives the student body the opportunity to learn, explore, and talk about the diverse cultures at this university. A goal of Diversity Day is to strive to eradicate preconceived notions that students have about diversity and inform the student body that diversity extends much further than the African-American and Latino communities. Diversity also pertains to religious affiliations, sexual preference, the Greek community, and various other cultures, differences, and physical abilities. Mr. Bragg concluded by announcing that the spirit rock will be painted as a memorial to the victims of the September 11 tragedy.

Graduate Student Representative—Joe Skariah

Mr. Skariah began by thanking members of the Board for the opportunity to report on graduate student education and the Graduate Student Senate at Bowling Green State University. Mr. Skariah distributed packets of information to Board members, which included an update on issues,
a Graduate Student Senate newsletter, and a graduate life book. Mr. Skariah explained that the graduate life book is a publication created by graduate students for new graduate students, many of whom come from out-of-state or out of the country. The book is an opportunity to educate those new students about Northwest Ohio, Bowling Green, and the Toledo area.

In closing, Mr. Skariah looks forward to working with university administrators on how to approach graduate education and how to engage graduate students in the campus community.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.