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Notice having been given in accordance with the Board of Trustees Bylaws, the following members met in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Room 308 at the Bowling Green campus on December 10, 2010: Col. John Moore, Jr. (Ret), Chair; Stephen Daley, Stephanie Imhoff, David Levey, Megan Newlove, Abby Priehs, William Primrose III, Skyler Rogers, Debra Ryan, J. Robert Sebo, and Fran Voll.

Also present: Carol Cartwright, President; Patrick Pauken, Secretary to the Board; Kenneth Borland, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; Albert Colom, Vice President for Enrollment Management; Sean FitzGerald, Vice President for Legal Affairs and Governmental Relations; Michael Ogawa, Founding Vice President for Research and Economic Development; Sheridan Stoll, Vice President for Finance and Administration; Edward Whipple, Vice President for Student Affairs; Gregory Christopher, Director of Athletics; Rebecca Ferguson, Chief Human Resources Officer; Kimberly McBroom, Chief Communications Officer; Ida Alexander, BGSU Firelands representative; Kristine Blair, Faculty Representative; Anthony Short, Administrative Staff Representative; Faith Olson, Classified Staff Representative; Steve Dinda, Graduate Student Representative; Kevin Basch, Undergraduate Student Government Representative; media representatives; and a number of observers.

Col. Moore called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. The Board Secretary called the roll and announced that a quorum was present (nine trustees).

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Cartwright began by stating that this was the last meeting of the Trustees in our Centennial year. A highlight of the year was the Academic Convocation on November 9. The ceremony combined the pomp and circumstance of celebrating our academic traditions with the procession of faculty and our mace-bearer in their regalia to the singing of the alma mater, and a high-energy talk by Ron Clark, one of the country’s leading educators on the true value of teaching. Staff Sergeant Ryan Nowlin, a BGSU Alumnus and staff arranger for “The President’s Own” U.S. Marine Band, thrilled attendees as he conducted his original piece, “Sounds of the Centennial”. This piece was selected as the winning entry in the BGSU Centennial Fanfare Competition held earlier this year. The University's choruses and Wind Symphony also provided musical inspiration. Dr. Cartwright thanked everyone who made this memorable event possible.

Dr. Cartwright reported on some Advancement news. University Advancement has made significant progress from October to December 2010. During this three-month period, Vice President Tom Hiles and his staff have completed a comprehensive review of the division. As a result, organizational changes were made that will benefit the University and our alumni and donors. This new organizational structure, coupled with more strategic communications to campus and donor stakeholders, will be the foundation for a successful second campaign.

The division is now systematically identifying major donors for the next campaign. Developing next steps for these leadership donors will be critical to the success of the campaign. Additionally, a major new initiative is underway to significantly increase our base of lead annual gift donors.

BGSU recently welcomed Monica Moll, the new Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police. Monica joins BGSU from Kent State University, where she was a lieutenant and also taught criminal justice. She brings a skill set and awareness that campus police are not only here to defend against crime, but often are also the first responders when students are in crisis. Monica has plans to pursue accreditation for our campus police department as a further signal to the community of BGSU’s commitment to excellence.

Mark Nelson, a two-time BGSU alumnus, has been named the Director of the Learning Commons, a student-centered integrated array of academic resources and tutoring services that is essential to students’ success, and plays a significant role in improving retention, and graduation.

Annette Badik has been appointed Director of the Career Center, where she will provide strategic leadership and oversight for employer development, recruitment and job fairs; career development and educational programming; job search preparation, and the
begun a campus-wide conversation focusing on diversity and inclusion. Dr. Borland has met with dozens of campus groups and organizations to build a network and solicit input on this important aspect of our Strategic Plan.

Dr. Cartwright reported that this has been a year of achievement on many fronts for BGSU.

The Stroh Center is truly taking shape. On November 16, the massive bronze Falcon statue was moved into place and the letters identifying the building went up. BGSU will host the NCAA women’s tournament in 2012 at the Stroh Center.

As part of our campus sustainability efforts, BGSU participated in a national and statewide competition last month to reduce electricity usage in residence halls. The competition was sponsored in part by the Ohio Board of Regents and the U.S. Green Building Council. BGSU, with an 11.4% overall reduction, finished in first place among all Ohio schools participating, including Ohio State, Miami, and Kent State, and placed 6th nationally among 40 schools.

Our construction management students have been honing their skills while helping out the city parks. This fall BGSU entered into the first formal affiliation between an academic department and a city agency when the construction management program signed an agreement with the parks department. Dr. Jane Rosser of the service-learning office facilitated the partnership, and now we have an outdoor “classroom” with unlimited potential for the students to learn while creating improvements of lasting value.

In another collaboration, Dr. Verner Bingman, a Distinguished Research Professor of biology, and his students are collaborating with faculty and students from the University of Toledo to study the impact of the wind turbines on Route 6 on migratory bats and birds.

Speaking of alumni, you may have been surprised to pick up People magazine in October to find a large spread on our alumna, Dena Krishnan. A former master’s degree student in biology, Dena is now a medical student who is dedicating her career to providing medical care to the less fortunate. She has been to Costa Rica with Patch Adams and was followed by People as she cared for residents of rural Appalachia. Dena credits Dr. Lee Meserve with setting her on her path and providing the encouragement she needed to keep going.

In honor of Veterans Day, BGSU showed support for service members by offering tickets to them and their families to our football game against Miami, which was broadcast on ESPN.

BGSU will also be on ESPN in February when the cheerleaders advance to the national competition. They are ranked third in the nation and will be going for the top.

In October, Dr. Nancy Orel, who leads our gerontology program in the College of Health and Human Services and is a nationally recognized leader in her field, was invited to the White House for a special meeting on HIV and aging.

Our students have been making their marks in the world as well. Our Delta Sigma Pi professional business fraternity team won two out of five top awards in a national competition recently, and our Case Competition Team from the College of Business won second place in an international competition held in Hong Kong. We were the only U.S. team invited. Special congratulations to team member and student Trustee Skyler Rogers!

Dr. Cartwright concluded her remarks by adding that even though it was Fall Break, 65 volunteers gave of their strength and energy to help plant 48 trees on campus in commemoration of Arbor Day. The University received a grant from the Arbor Day Foundation to purchase the trees, which were planted in the parking lot east of Doyt Perry Stadium. The trees are part of the larger campus beautification project that began last summer with the widening of Ridge Street and has spread across campus.