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Thoughtful collaborations benefit BGSU, the state and nation, Dobb tells trustees

Collaboration is a word we can expect to hear more often, the board of trustees learned at its April 1 meeting, Linda Dobb, executive vice president, told the board that in today's environment of limited resources and large social issues, collaborations between colleges and universities will become increasingly important because they save money, avoid duplication of effort and move things along much more quickly than could be accomplished by one institution alone.

These collaborations improve services to students and help address issues for the region, the state and the nation, she said. However, Dobb cautioned, collaborations must be entered into only after careful consideration to determine whether they are in keeping with the University's mission. They should be between equals and they must also be "very outcome driven. We need to know going in what we want to accomplish in the collaboration," she said. She outlined a number of successful partnerships already under way:

"Here at Bowling Green, we're fortunate because we have a number of faculty who are eager to work in collaborations," Dobb said.

Those at the meeting also learned that BGUSI is in the enviable position of receiving a high rating from the Ohio Board of Regents in its annual report on the financial health of state colleges and universities. Trustee David Bryan reported. Out of a possible combined rating of 5, BGUSI scored 4.2 overall. The study comprises such criteria as financial viability, debt and net income, and adds that the University's enrollment growth over the past several years was a major contributing factor in its performance.

Faculty Senate President Benjamin N. Mueglo reported that the senate is stepping up its efforts to communicate to legislators the importance of maintaining adequate funding for higher education. He cited the faculty visit day (April 1) to Columbus to meet with legislators and another trip on April 4 by faculty, staff and students to a rally at Ohio State University.

Also during the meeting, the board approved a resolution for the refinancing of general receipt bonds in an amount not to exceed $30 million. The bonds were originally issued to provide funds to pay the cost of residence hall rehabilitation and other future projects. By taking advantage of the low interest rates currently available, the University can save between $300,000-$600,000 in debt service, Trustee Michael Marsh told the board. The trustees also approved auxiliary improvement projects totaling $524,500. The projects include $450,000 to finish renovations for the Kohl Hall Living Learning Center and $74,500 to replace the elevator in the Saddlemire Student Services Building.

In other action, the board passed a resolution giving approval to proposed easements and rights of way to the city of Bowling Green for a project to widen East Wooster Street. The project is scheduled to begin in August and last for possibly more than a year. The trustees also accepted a $750,000 gift to the BGUSI Foundation Inc. and authorized that the funds be used to proceed with renovation of the University president's residence on Hillcrest Drive.

Board grants faculty tenure and promotion

The University celebrated the receipt of its highest ratings of academia at the April 1 Board of Trustees meeting, when 28 faculty received tenure, promotion or both.

"Always a great occasion when we do this," said Provost John Folkins, "today was even more so because of the outstanding talent and accomplishments of these faculty members,

L. Fleming Fallon, public health, received tenure and promotion to professor.

Sixteen faculty received tenure and promotion to associate professor. They are Catherine Cardwell, University Libraries; Dena Eber, art; Radhika Gejuk, interpersonal communication; Michael Geuss and Moira van Steenberghe, both biological sciences; Charles Kanswischer, art; Pyla Pak-Lapinski, English; Arthur Scott, granted; Patricia Sharp, psychology; Jennifer Van Hook, sociology; Julia Aslakson, Margaret Booth, and Patricia Kubow, all leadership and policy studies; Trinka Messemer, education and intervention services; William King, criminal justice, and William Mathis, music performance studies.

Those promoted to full professor are Lynda Dixon, interpersonal communication; Narassiah Gavini and Paul Moe, both anatomical sciences; Monica Longmore, sociology; Barbara Moses and Sergey Shepetovor, both mathematics and statistics; Peter VanderJagt, economics, and Sheldon Brown and Gregory Garske, both education and intervention services.

Jeffrey Wagner, natural and social sciences, BGUSI Foundation, was promoted to associate professor and Dwayne Gremmer, marketing, received tenure.

John Ryan's named to new endowed chair post

John K. Ryans Jr., a longtime Kent State University faculty member in international business and marketing, has been named the first James R. Good Chair of Global Services (BGUSI).

The board of trustees appointed Ryans to the endowed chair position at its April 1 meeting.

The position was created in memory of James R. Good, a 1951 BGUSI graduate and international businessman who left his estate to the University, designating that it be used to endow a chair in the College of Business Administration.

A faculty member at Kent State since 1970, Ryan's is among 52 Fellows of the Academy of International Business—the highest recognition in the field—and one of the 100 charter members of the American Marketing Association Foundation's Leadership Circle.

Ryans said he welcomes the opportunity to help build on BGUSI's undergraduate and graduate international business programs, which he called among the strongest such programs in the Midwest.

"In addition, I am able to continue to develop relationships with the Cleveland and Toledo international business communities," he continued.

"Northeast Ohio is one of the leading exporting regions in the nation, and this university is in a prime location to play a critical role in the region's continued growth."

Ryans expertise will bolster the efforts of the College of Business Administration in international business, Dean James A. Sullivan said.

"Almost every aspect of business is becoming more international in scope and process. This increased global focus provides colleges of business with one of their greatest challenges," Sullivan noted.

"We must expand opportunities for students and faculty to enhance their understanding of managing organizations in an international environment and must strengthen relationships with internationally oriented companies," he said. "Although we have made advancements in both of these areas, Dr. Ryan's brings international business experience and expertise that will allow us to make significantly more progress."

For more information about John Ryan's and James R. Good, visit Monitor online.
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Michael T. Klaré, a nationally known expert on international security, arms control and U.S. defense policy, will give the 2003 Lamb Peace Lecture.

Klaré will speak on "Resource Wars" at 7 p.m. tomorrow (April 8) in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Theater.

Klaré is the Five College Professor of Peace and World Security Studies (a joint appointment at Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke and Smith colleges and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst) and director of the Five College Program in Peace and World Security Studies (PAWSS).

He was director of the Program on Militarism and Disarmament at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, D.C., from 1977-84, and currently serves on the board of directors of the Arms Control Association and the National Council of the Federation of American Scientists, as well as on the advisory board of the Arms Division of Human Rights Watch. Klaré has written widely on U.S. defense policy, the arms trade and world security affairs.

In addition to the Edward Lamb Foundation's support, the lecture is sponsored by BGU's Environmental Health Program and American culture studies.

Training offered for fund administrators

The BGU Foundation Inc., along with the Office of Development, invites fund administrators to a seminar on "Understanding Foundation Accounts and Development 101 for Faculty and Staff."

Two sessions will be offered: Wednesday (April 9) from 3-5 p.m. and Thursday (April 10) from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Mileri Alumni Center.

For additional information on the seminar, see Monitor online or call 2-2561.

FACULTY

There were no postings this week.

Contact the Office of Human Resources at 419-372-8421 for information regarding classified and administrative positions.

Position vacancy announcements may be viewed at www.bgsu.edu/offices/hr.

Employees wishing to apply for these positions must sign a "request for Transfer" form and attach an updated resume or data sheet.

This information must be turned in to Human Resources by the job deadline.

CLASSIFIED

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in memory

Esther Cupp, 89, died March 23 in Toledo. Before her retirement, she worked for 14 years at the student union.