

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

November 9, 2006

Capital Projects

- **Center for Contemporary Arts:** Foundation work is in progress, but the project is a few weeks behind schedule. I have been assured that we will have at least 80% of the bond funds expended by the HEPC deadline.
- **McMurrin Hall:** The abatement portion of the work is now complete. Repair and restoration of the wood work, trim and painting continues.
- **Reynolds Hall:** Selective demolition of internal mechanical systems and other related demo work has begun. The roof will be supported by temporary columns, the wall will be taken down, pilings will be installed with a new foundation placed on the pilings, and then the wall will be reconstructed. The final result will look like it does today minus the bulging wall. Work should be completed by May of 2007.
- **Nursing Building:** Brick on the building is nearing completion and stud walls and electrical rough-ins are being installed. Sidewalks and portions of the roadway in the circle area around Kenamond, Turner, Dining and Gardiner Halls have been removed and new curbing and paving is complete. The water and sewer line work in this area is also complete. Note that pedestrian traffic in this area should use caution.
- **Wellness Center:** Construction documents are being prepared.
- **Miscellaneous:** The two new intramural playing fields have been triple seeded and should be ready for use by August, 2007.

Academic Affairs

- The Chancellor has approved our intent to plan a master's degree in each of the following areas: Public History, Liberal Studies, and Nursing.
- Each academic department elects one of its faculty members to serve as the department chair, and this person receives a reduction in his/her teaching load to compensate for doing the administrative work of the department. The work load for each chair varies due to the different circumstances among the departments. This begs the question of how much release time to grant to each department. Dr. Stern and his colleagues have, we believe, solved this chronic problem by developing a data-driven model that can be used to determine the appropriate number of release courses for each department in any given year. The department chairs voted to accept the model by a 17-1 vote.

HEPC/Chancellor's Office

- **Peer Groups:** An October 30, 2006 message from Chancellor Noland indicated that, “In the coming weeks staff will collectively review all feedback received with our consultants at MGT of America and will outline next steps in this process. It is our goal to provide clarification to the host of questions that were raised by institutions and to respond to them in a collective manner.”

Association of Governing Boards In-Service Pamphlets

- **Policy Making and Administrative Oversight:** This month the pamphlet that is included with your agenda discusses the difference between an active trustee and an activist trustee. It also addresses topics such as campus culture, communication, monitoring, and administration in relationship to policy making by the BOG. Unfortunately, it does not address the policy making domain of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission as it relates to governance and policy making by the campus boards.

Advancement Office

- Shepherd University Philanthropy Report for FY'07
 - ✓ YTD September 2006 – \$285,427 raised from 1,818 donors.
- Recent events:
 - ✓ Alumni Association Golf Tournament – sold out well in advance of the event
 - ✓ Homecoming – very well attended by students, alumni and community members
 - ✓ 1956 Reunion Dinner – first effort to align a reunion with Homecoming
 - ✓ 1950's Decade Reunion Brunch – first-time event which attracted alumni from the entire decade; 90 attendees

Upcoming Events

November 10	Veterans Program in the Midway at 11:00 a.m.
November 16	Men's Basketball Tip Off Banquet
December 2	Alumni Association Board of Directors Holiday Party
December 17	Holiday Open House at Popodicon (12:00 p.m. – 3 p.m.)

We are hopeful that the Shepherd University Rams will be participating in these football playoffs and, if so, some of the games may be played at Ram Stadium. Watch our web site for details.

November 18	NCAA Division II National Playoffs First Round
November 25	NCAA Division II National Playoffs Second Round
December 2	NCAA Division II National Quarterfinals
December 9	NCAA Division II National Semifinals (site TBA)
December 16	NCAA Division II National Championship in Florence, Alabama

Various Speakers: For details, check our home page calendar (<http://www.shepherd.edu/planweb/events/nov06.html>)