

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

October 12, 2006

Capital Projects:

- **Center for Contemporary Arts:** Site work for Phase I of the CCA is in progress. By August 1, 2007 we need to have spent at least 80% of the \$12.5 million of bond funds provided for this project. Although the project is several weeks behind schedule, there are discussions taking place regarding the best option for getting back on schedule to ensure that we meet the required draw-down of funds.
- **McMurrin Hall:** The abatement portion of the work is now complete. Repair and restoration of the wood work, trim and painting continues. All work is expected to be completed by November 1, 2006.
- **Reynolds Hall:** Work has begun on selective demolition and preparation for shoring and scaffolding. Demolition of internal mechanical systems and other related demo work has begun. The stone knee wall along the alley has been dismantled to allow for construction equipment access and repair work to begin. The stones from this wall are being stored nearby and the wall will be rebuilt after the building repairs are completed.
- **Nursing Building:** Routine construction progress continues.
- **Wellness Center:** An updated plan will be presented to the BOG at this meeting. Several changes have been made to bring the project into line with its budget. Changes include the elimination of the racquetball courts, reducing the pool size from ten lanes to eight, slightly shortening the length of the jogging track, and reducing the dimensions of the rotunda. The only functionality that will be lost as a result of these proposed changes is racquetball, and we will list that as an alternate on the bid specs so that it could be built if other parts of the project come in under budget.
- **Miscellaneous:** Parking Lot-K (now H) expansion and the field development work continue; paving is under way. Fields will be (have been) seeded and should be ready for use in August of 2007.

HEPC/Chancellor's Office

- **FY08 Budget Priorities:** The Chancellor announced his preliminary budget priorities for FY08 as follows:
 - ✓ Operating Budgets:
 - Offset inflationary cost increases
 - Compensate for enrollment growth

- ✓ Capital Budgets:
 - Assemble capital bond projects for a future state bond issues with debt service being paid from state revenue
 - Secure \$8 million for second-year deferred maintenance projects through a supplemental appropriation request
- ✓ Research:
 - Double the State’s \$4 million annual investment in academic research
- ✓ Financial Aid:
 - Request a 2% increase for the PROMISE and Higher Education Grant programs

➤ **Peer Groups:**

- ✓ The Chancellor distributed a preliminary list of proposed peers for each institution which I, in turn, forwarded to each of you. A list of Shepherd University’s proposed peers follows, and schools followed by a plus sign are in our current peer group:

Western State College of Colorado
California State University-Monterey Bay
University of North Carolina at Asheville +
University of Arkansas at Monticello
Black Hills State University
Dickinson State University
Mississippi Valley State University
SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill
Missouri Southern State University
Indiana University-East
University of Maine at Farmington
Langston University
Purdue University-North Central Campus
Indiana University-Kokomo
Lewis-Clark State College
Shawnee State University
Fort Lewis College
University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown +
SUNY College at Old Westbury +
University of Hawaii at Hilo

Association of Governing Boards In-Service Pamphlets

- **The Board's Role in Fund-Raising:** This month the pamphlet that is included with your agenda book is very timely, as it relates to your role in our comprehensive campaign and other fund-raising initiatives. I encourage you to take time each month to at least peruse these informative publications, as they will collectively provide you with an excellent frame of reference for your responsibilities as a member of this Board of Governors.

Community and Technical College

- The institutional MOU that was signed for this academic year has been approved by the State Council for Community and Technical Colleges. Most of the services presently being provided to the Blue Ridge CTC are slated to end by January 1, 2007.

Advancement Office

- Shepherd University Philanthropy Report for FY'07
 - ✓ YTD August 2006 – approximately \$204,554 raised from 1,175 donors.
- There will be a new publication coming out shortly to recognize donors, and the publication will outline the accomplishments of the University over the last year.
 - ✓ President's Report and Honor Roll of Donors
- Recent events:
 - ✓ Gridiron Club Hospitality Tent-Rams v. C.W. Post
 - ✓ Athletics Hall of Fame: The annual event had a crowd of 200. Five individuals were inducted.

Upcoming Events

October 20	Alumni Association Golf Tournament
October 21	Homecoming
November 16	Men's Basketball Tip Off Banquet

Various Speakers: For details, check our home page calendar (<http://www.shepherd.edu/planweb/events/oct06.html>)