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Scott Anderson, assistant director and chef of Shepherd University Dining Services, has been named chef ambassador to the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board.

Anderson recently attended a week-long double course to refresh his cooking skills at the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) in Hyde Park, N.Y.

He was selected as chef ambassador after completing two classes — Soups, Stocks and Sauces, and Cooking Principles I — at the CIA in October 2009.

In 1991, Anderson was hired as a catering employee at Shepherd. He worked his way up from a part-time catering employee to full-time assistant catering manager to catering manager, and finally associate director and chef in 2002. He oversees Shepherd's purchasing, culinary training, menu management and recipe creations.

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Tenure was granted to Brasher, Burke, Gocmen, Gutrigus, Guzide, Liao, Mathews, and Mathews.

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Shepherd BOG discusses triennial presidential performance review

SHEPHERDSTOWN — The Shepherd University Board of Governors discussed the triennial performance assessment of Shepherd President Suzanne Shipley during the board meeting held Thursday, June 10 in the Byrd Center for Legislative Studies.

Speaking on behalf of the board, Chair Mary Clare Eros said, “In keeping with the Shepherd University Board of Governors’ Policy on Employment and Evaluation of the president, the board conducted a comprehensive performance review of Shipley.

This comprehensive review is intended to complement the president’s annual performance reviews conducted by the board and aid in the ongoing professional development of the president.

During the week of March 22, representatives of all of the university’s diverse constituency groups provided feedback about their perceptions and offered constructive suggestions to improve the effectiveness of the president by leveraging strengths or addressing shortcomings identified in the review.

As provided for in the board policy, a review team, which was chaired by Dr. Sal D. Rinella, of Pesson and Associates, and included Eros and Vice Chair Gat Caperton, interviewed a number of diverse stakeholders within and outside the university.

Additionally, individuals who were not invited to participate in review interviews were invited to send written comments to Rinella. More than 100 people participated.

After careful assessment of the input from the participants, the review team briefed Shipley regarding its preliminary findings and recommendations. This was accomplished in a manner that preserved the anonymity of those who gave their time to participate in the evaluation.

“Shepherd University is fortunate to have such an effective leader as Dr. Suzanne Shipley who, in the board’s judgment, has proven herself as a steward of the university’s resources and a champion for fulfilling its mission,” said Eros. “The board is extremely appreciative of President Shipley’s distinguished service to the university and wishes to convey its continuing confidence in, and support of, her leadership. The university’s Board of Governors thanks all who participated in the review of the president and for their interest in Shepherd’s continued success.”

“I appreciate the input received as a result of my review from the Board of Governors,” said Shipley.

“The review team’s assessment will help me strengthen Shepherd University and serve our constituencies more effectively during my presidency. I wish to thank all those who participated in the review and who candidly and openly shared their views and helpful suggestions. This assessment enhances my efforts to lead the university to greater distinction as West Virginia’s public liberal arts university. It's a great honor to be the president of Shepherd University,” she added.

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