BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Temple University – Of The Commonwealth System of Higher Education

PUBLIC SESSION

Tuesday, December 13, 2005, at 3:00 p.m.

Student Center II
Room A, second floor
1755 N. Thirteenth Street

MINUTES

Presiding Officer:
Anthony J. Scirica, Vice Chair of the Board

PARTICIPANTS


Honorary Life Trustees: Peter J. Liacouras, Edward H. Rosen

Non-Voting Advisory Members: Oscar A. Chow, Jane D. Evans, Robert A. Rovner

University Counsel: George E. Moore


In the absence of Chairman Gittis, the meeting was chaired by The Honorable Anthony J. Scirica, Vice Chair of the Board.
INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Trustee Joan H. Ballots.

Introduction of Guests:

Faculty: Jeffrey M. Solow
Students: Richard C. Drach and Ryan M. Phelan

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of October 11, 2005, were approved as distributed.

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PRESIDENT’S REPORT – David Adamany

Mr. Chairman: Over the past weekend, a number of us were in New York to attend events at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Society. My personal experience there was that many, many of our state’s business leaders and political leaders had warm words for Temple University and were sincerely interested in learning what were the next steps at Temple. They were very aware of and impressed by the progress that Temple is making and the momentum on this campus and the remarkable revitalization of the neighborhood around us as a result of Temple’s efforts.

On Tuesday of last week, Temple’s new head football coach, Al Golden, was introduced to the press. In addition to the coverage of his appointment, the Philadelphia Daily News carried a special feature article under the headline: “Golden Rule: Temple Can Attract Football Recruits.” Al Golden, who visited Temple in 1988 as a potential football player and choose to go elsewhere, expressed his surprise and his pleasure at what Temple is becoming. “My wife and I stayed at the Conwell Inn (last) night,” he said. “We walked outside, and it was snowing. What I saw was [that] the campus was so vibrant with the students in the area. I said, ‘Man, this is it.’ Parents have got to see this place at night.

“I would like nothing more than to have some parents come to stay where I stayed and see what I saw at 11 o’clock at night.

“I saw a safe, vibrant, for lack of a better word, college town in the heart of Philadelphia. That’s what I saw, and I can’t wait to share that experience as I go on the recruiting road in the near future....

“I can’t say enough to everybody involved in the Temple family that you’ve got something you should be proud of here. It’s unbelievable what’s going on.”

I know that what Al Golden said last week and what business and political leaders said over the weekend reflects the emerging reality of the plans and decisions that this Board of Trustees has made for Temple in recent years. So as we enter into this holiday season, I hope that each of you will know that one of the most profound gifts you have given is the emergence of a great national University and the revitalization of a distressed neighborhood in the heart of North Philadelphia. And I hope that each of you will feel joy in this season for your accomplishment in building this University. As Al Golden said last Tuesday; “It’s a great time at Temple.”

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I know I join 34,000 students, 220,000 alumni, and 5,500 members of our staff and faculty in extending our thanks to you and in wishing you and yours a joyous holiday and healthy and prosperous New Year.

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REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION
STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on Trustee Affairs – Daniel H. Polett, Chair

1. Report

The report of Committee on Trustee Affairs was accepted as presented in Agenda Reference 1.

RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION:

2. Re-election of Commonwealth Trustee – Michael J. Stack, III

Upon motion duly made and seconded, at the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Committee on Trustee Affairs (11/9/05) and re-elected Michael J. Stack, III, for a term effective immediately and running through October 2009, to the Board of Trustees of Temple University – Of The Commonwealth System of Higher Education, Mr. Stack having been re-appointed by The Honorable Robert C. Jubelirer, President Pro Tempore of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Executive Committee – Anthony J. Scirica, Chair

3. Report

The report of Executive Committee was accepted as presented in Agenda Reference 3.

RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION:


Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees authorized the officers to borrow, for operating purposes of the University, $30 million on terms which the officers believe best for the University, such authority to cover the period from January 1, 2006, through March 31, 2006.
5. Report

The report of Temple University Health System was accepted as presented in Agenda Reference 5.

Budget & Finance Committee – Lewis F. Gould, Jr., Chair

6. Report

The report of Budget & Finance Committee was accepted as presented in Agenda Reference 6.

Audit Committee – Patrick J. Larkin, Committee Member

7. Report

The report of Audit Committee was accepted as presented in Agenda Reference 7.

Academic Affairs Committee – Leonard Barrack, Chair

8. Report

The report of the Academic Affairs Committee was accepted as presented in Agenda Reference 8.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION:**

9. Consideration of Tenure

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee (11/28/05) and the President regarding the granting of faculty tenure.

10. Restructure the Curricula for the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Russian, Minor in Russian and Certificate in Russian in the College of Liberal Arts

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee (11/28/05) that the officers be authorized to restructure the curricula for the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Russian, minor in Russian and certificate in Russian in the College of Liberal Arts.
11. Establish a Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Financial Engineering in the Fox School of Business and Management

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee (11/28/05) that the officers be authorized to establish a Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Financial Engineering in the Fox School of Business and Management.

12. Establish Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) and Master of Science (M.S.) degrees in Biomedical Neuroscience in the School of Medicine

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee (11/28/05) that the officers be authorized to establish Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) and Master of Science (M.S.) degrees in Biomedical Neuroscience in the School of Medicine.

13. Approve the Policy on Honors Programs

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee (11/28/05) that the officers be authorized to implement the Policy on Honors Programs as set forth in Agenda Reference 13.

13a. Authorize a Transcript Notation for the Upper-Division Honors Program

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee (11/28/05) that the officers be authorized to include a transcript notation for students who participate in the upper-division honors program as described in the Policy on Honors Programs.

Facilities Committee – Mitchell L. Morgan, Chair

14. Report

The report of Facilities Committee was accepted as presented in Agenda Reference 14.

RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION:

15. Design Fee Only - Ambler Learning Center – Landscaping Upgrades and Parking Study

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Facilities Committee (12/1/05) that the officers be authorized to proceed with the Ambler Learning Center - Landscaping Upgrades and Parking Study - Design Fee Only at a cost not-to-exceed $202,000 with the funding and financing source being the Plant Development Fund.
Development Committee – Richard J. Fox, Chair

16. **Report**

The report of Development Committee was accepted as presented in Agenda Reference 16.

Trustee Fox remarked that the Development Committee activities are accelerating. In reviewing the calendar of the Development Office, he reminded the Trustees to contact him if they are interested in participating in a particular event.

Athletics Committee – Lewis Katz, Chair

The Athletics Committee met on the morning of December 13, 2005. A report will be forthcoming at the next Board meeting.

The **Student Affairs Committee** did not meet during the reporting period.

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**OFFICERS’ REPORT**

17. **Treasurer’s Report** – Martin S. Dorph

The report of the Treasurer for the three month period ended September 30, 2005, was accepted as presented in Agenda Reference 17.

18. **Secretary’s Report** – George E. Moore

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the presentation of degrees-in-course dated January 27, 2006, to candidates approved by the appropriate academic committees of the faculty.

OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS

Vice Chairman Scirica invited the members to a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Student Center II, immediately following the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.