

**University of Pennsylvania Board of Trustees  
Stated Meeting**

**Meeting of March 22, 2007**

**MINUTES**

A Stated Meeting of the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania was convened on Thursday, March 22, 2007, at 1:10 pm in Bodek Lounge in Houston Hall.

Trustees present at the meeting were: Gilbert Casellas, L. John Clark, Amy Gutmann, Paul Kelly, Andrea Mitchell, Jim Riepe, David Silfen, George Weiss, Paul Williams, and Mark Winkelman.

Administrators and guests present were: Leslie Laird Kruhly, Robin Beck, Mary Lee Brown, Craig Carnaroli, Ron Daniels, Bonnie Gibson, Eric Kaplan, Marguerite Miller, Anne Papageorge, Arthur Rubenstein, Paul Richards, Gregory Rost, Wendy White, and John Zeller.

The complete texts of all resolutions passed in the course of the meeting are appended to this document and are to be considered part of the official record of this meeting.

Chairman James Riepe called the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone to the March meeting of the Executive Committee.

**Chair's Report**

Mr. Riepe started off by making an announcement regarding commencement gowns. He explained that 45 years ago, the trustees decided that Ph.D.s could wear a red and blue gown. After consultation with several offices and administrators, the trustees are updating that tradition to extend the invitation to everyone with the doctoral degree in their field, even if that degree isn't a Ph.D. (e.g. J.D., M.D., D.D.M., V.D.M., Ed.D., S.W.D., D.B.A., Doctor of Science in Law and any other degree at the doctoral level).

The minutes of the December 7, 2006 meeting were approved as distributed.

**President's Report**

President Gutmann gave an update regarding Dr. Andrew C. Porter, the incoming Dean of the Graduate School of Education (GSE). She reported that Dr. Porter has met with faculty, students, staff and deans and is enthusiastic about building upon GSE's contributions as well as expanding GSE's interdisciplinary collaborations. Dr. Gutmann also thanked Stanton Wortham, who has done an extraordinary job as interim dean.

Dr. Gutmann reported that Penn Law has endowed the Raymond Pace and Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander Professorship which will be devoted to the study of civil rights and

race relations. She noted that the professorship serves as a wonderful tribute and a reminder that a good education should be available to everyone – regardless of race or financial background. She also thanked the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Philadelphia law firm Duane Morris for contributing to the funding.

Dr. Gutmann proceeded with an overview of this year’s honorary degree recipients: Commencement speaker James A. Baker III, former U.S. Secretary of State; Dr. Aaron Beck, the father of cognitive therapy; Dr. Caroline Bynum, a preeminent scholar of European medieval history; Dr. Mildred Dresselhaus, an eminent physicist and institute professor at MIT; Aretha Franklin, the “first lady of soul” and winner of 19 Grammys; Shirley Franklin, Penn alumna and entrepreneurial mayor of Atlanta; and the Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg, U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

Dr. Gutmann concluded by announcing the imminent launch of Penn Connects (which just won two awards: one from the American Society of Landscape Architects and another from the Boston Society of Landscape Architects). Additionally, the most selective class ever in Penn’s history – the class of 2011 – will soon be chosen.

### **Academic Report**

Provost Ron Daniels gave two updates. He first reported that at Arthur Rubenstein’s urging and leadership, the Center for Public Health Initiatives was created. The Center acknowledges the worldwide need for well-trained health professionals, and will attempt to link and expand campus activities toward achieving this goal. The interdisciplinary center will incorporate community-based research, communication, global health and law. School of Medicine professor Marjorie Bowman will serve as the Center’s first director.

The Fund for Innovation and International Education is a series of faculty-sponsored projects that expand Penn’s international offerings for students. Mr. Daniels indicated that there were an incredibly high number of proposals for internationally funded projects. Approved proposals include eight undergraduate students who will intern with Penn Medicine’s program in Botswana focusing on the impact of HIV on that nation’s health, education, society and economics; other students will pursue independent studies in veterinary medicine, orphan and disabled care, and game, park, farming and environmental issues; 15 students will study China’s preparation for the 2008 Beijing Olympics alongside an equal number of Chinese students, in courses taught at Peking University; and six students will travel to Guatemala to participate in an academically-based community service project involving research and development of a maternity care program in an indigenous community. The latter project extends prior research from the Guatemala Health Initiative (a collaborative effort between local health care facilities and Penn’s Schools of Arts and Science, Engineering, Medicine, Nursing and Wharton).

Mr. Daniels indicated that these are just a few examples of the proposals. Faculty – particularly those working across school boundaries – are encouraged to submit

proposals. He noted that the projects comprise serious research activities, rather than academic tourism.

The following resolution was presented and approved (full resolution text is appended):

- Resolution on Faculty Appointments, Leaves and Promotions (p. 1).

### **Financial Report**

Executive Vice President Craig Carnaroli drew attention to two key points. First, in the month of January the total endowment of the University passed the six billion dollar mark. Second, in an attempt to promote a culture of health and to keep employee benefits costs down, Human Resources has created a 12-week walking program at the University which has attracted the participation of over 1,400 employees.

### **Penn Medicine Report**

Executive Vice President for the Health System and Dean of the Medical School Arthur Rubenstein gave the Penn Medicine Report.

“Match Day,” the official date when graduating medical students learn of their residency placement occurred last week. In a graduating class of 156, 98% of the students matched to university programs – up from 95% last year which is one of the highest rates in the country. Forty-four students are staying at Penn (versus 18 going to Harvard). Primary care, as a specialty, was chosen by 43% of the class. As a great indicator of Penn’s ability to develop future leaders in health care, 40 out of 156 students are getting dual-degrees with five students earning an MD and an MBA. Dr. Rubenstein remarked that a very high percentage of students get their first match.

Dr. Rubenstein reported that the Medical School Commencement address will be delivered by Atul Gawande, surgeon and author. This month the Medical School is sending out acceptance letters after receiving over 6,000 applications for 150 positions.

### **Budget and Finance Report**

Mr. L. John Clark, Budget and Finance reported that the committee reviewed the University and Penn Medicine unaudited results for the seven months ended January 31<sup>st</sup>. He concurred with Mr. Carnaroli that these numbers are excellent.

The following resolutions, already reviewed and approved by Budget and Finance, were presented and approved (full resolution text is appended):

- Resolution to Authorize Tuition, Fees, and Other Student Charges for Academic Year 2007-2008 (p. 18).
- Resolution to Authorize an Additional \$2.9 Million Capital Budget Funding for the Scheie Eye Institute Second Floor Clinical Expansion and Renovation at the Penn Presbyterian Medical Center (p. 19).

- Resolution to Authorize the Renewal of a Lease for Space to be Occupied by the School of Medicine Department of Radiology at 3600 Market Street with a Net Present Value of \$1.16 Million (p. 21).
- Resolution to Authorize the Renewal of a Lease for Space to be Occupied by the School of Medicine Department of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics at 3535 Market Street with a Net Present Value of \$1.05 Million (p. 22).

The meeting concluded at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Laid Kruhly  
Secretary of the University