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RESOLUTION 60-93

Endorsement of Submission of Functional Mission Statement to OBR

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents requires all state-assisted colleges and universities to submit functional mission statements by January 1, 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Shawnee State University academic community recently completed a three-year planning process that culminated in the development of "A View of the Future: Guidelines for Strategic Planning at Shawnee State University," which was formally approved by the SSU Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the University-approved mission, goals, objectives, enduring vision statements and strategies for the long-term development of Shawnee State University are an integral part of those Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the SSU academic community has developed through the University Senate the "Functional Mission of Shawnee State University," the content of which was taken specifically from the Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Functional Mission Statement reflects the five most important goals SSU should pursue to reach full university status; and

WHEREAS, the University President endorses the Functional Mission of Shawnee State University as recommended by the University Senate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee State University Board of Trustees endorses Resolution 60-93 and recommends its transmittal, along with "A View of the Future: Guidelines for Strategic Planning at SSU," to the Ohio Board of Regents for endorsement.

Patricia Moore, Acting Secretary
December 10, 1993

Attachment: "A View of the Future: Guidelines for Strategic Planning at SSU"

UNIVERSITY SENATE

MINUTES

OCTOBER 14, 1993

Chair C. Veri called first meeting of the University Senate to Order at 4:07pm on October 14, 1993.

Secretary/Treasurer Shelpman commenced Roll-Taking.

ABSENT MEMBERS: R. Burke; S. Come; D. Creamer; D. Gleason; J. Jahnke; J. Kade; P. Kegley; M. Matthews; T. Maxey; T. Merry; R. Payne; C. Perry; M. Tackett.

There was no approval of minutes since none had previously been recorded.

Chair C. Veri addressed Senate members, which included a brief history of the formation and development of the University Senate, citing it as the premier governance structure at our Shawnee State University. Dr. Veri continued with a history of the initial US organization efforts conducted by Vice-Chair J. Kelley, Sec/Treasurer S. Shelpman, and Veri, commending them for these efforts. At the conclusion of his address, he confirmed disbandment of the President's Council (as previously promised at outset of US design deliberations). P.C. was thereby disbanded with thanks and with full faith and confidence that US shall work.

Chair C. Veri proceeded with Remarks:

* Status of enrollments statewide; Headcount is down statewide 1-2% overall; Technical colleges and universities down; Community colleges flat; and Branch campus enrollments are up by approx. 3%.

* The State's income fund; \$100 million income over the State's original projection however \$50 million is in one-time lump sum (i.e., a non-continuing source of taxes); State Budget Director Browning explained at the Governor's Cabinet this week that the trend appears to be that the economy is turning around which means good news for higher education; No mid-year budget cuts are expected this year as in the past three years.

* Shawnee's Enrollment is lower than projected when budget was allocated for this fiscal year; 200 students fewer in Summer session; approx. 350 fewer headcount students this Fall term; Dollar impact is approximately \$1.1 mil. Vice President for Business Affairs, D. Creamer has been requested to determine cost center impact to meet shortfall; Veri has called a meeting of the Vice-Presidents for 1:00pm October 17, 1993 to discuss the shortfall issue in greater detail and to develop a plan to address the budget dilemma. Veri invited the Chair of the US Fiscal Affairs Committee (who will be elected later in meeting) to attend.

* Reasons for declining enrollments when new student applications for admissions are higher than last year; Pool of high school graduates is at its lowest point; High school seniors have been applying to several universities; Reduction in PELL grant awards for this academic year; Local students fear thei

Quarter will be disrupted because of labor unrest; Competition from regional institutions is increasing with active marketing; Late-starting lower division classes that competed with our own later-than-normal Fall start (later canceled); No corner on the market by SSU; Possible work alternative to college attendance.

* Although major issues are facing the University, Veri contends that SSU has students to serve, a University to run, and we must do within income we have; Solve current contract dispute; Special retention efforts; Development of B.S. degree programs (special \$700,000 allocation this yr./\$750,000 next yr. from Gen. Assembly); Improve course scheduling; Make US work well as the campus governing body.

* After EXBD is formed later in meeting, Veri announced assignment of pressing items: Functional Mission Statements; Center for Freshmen Studies; Interim Student Ombudsperson Service; Establishment of the Strategic Planning Oversight Committee; for later, Revision of the Board's Academic Program Review policy (as suggested by the College of Business faculty).

* Veri appointed Sec/Treasurer S. Shelpman as Acting Parliamentarian for US.

Chair Veri then announced he would respond to any questions from the Senate floor. No questions or announcements came from the floor.

Vice-Chair J. Kelley gave a brief over-view of the Standing Committee structure within the US. Kelley also informed the Senate that it was expected that faculty representatives would report action to the UFA for informational purposes.

Sec/Treasurer S. Shelpman gave Treasurer's Report of initial \$5000.00 budget allocation with \$52.50 encumbered from printing expenses for US organizational start-up, leaving an ending balance of \$4947.50.

There were no Standing Committees in session prior to this meeting and therefore, no reports were given.

There was no Unfinished Business.

Vice-Chair J. Kelley proceeded with New Business of election of committee chairs. Kelley explained the balloting process. Senate members received sub-committee assignments to respective US committees (for further assessment by members) and a roster of each committee with designated faculty chair, if indicated.

Committee members caucused to private rooms for individual nominations and balloting.

Kelley then confirmed the following chairs to serve the 93-94 term:

Academic Affairs: Steve Doster
Fiscal Affairs: Joanne Charles
Facilities: Mike Day
Personnel Development: Kaddour Boukaabar

Affirmative Action: Phyllis Kegley
Student Affairs: Dick Howard
Athletic/Intramural: John Valentine

Chair Veri requested the newly formed Executive Board remain after adjournment for a brief, organizational meeting.

P. Gearheart made motion to adjourn. P. Moore seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Shelpman
Secretary-Treasurer