

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
January 11, 2008
10:15 a.m., Howard/Ketter Room**

Agenda

1.0 Action Items

**1.1 Honoring the Fall Sports Teams and Individual Athletes Action
Resolution ASA 01-08**

Dr. Jim Settle, Vice President for Student Affairs, will present Resolution ASA 01-08 honoring the fall sports teams and individual athletes.

It is recommended that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee approve Resolution ASA 01-08, Honoring the Fall Sports Teams and Individual Athletes.

**1.2 Approval of 2008-2009 Academic Calendar Action
Resolution ASA 02-08**

Dr. Dave Todt, Interim Provost, will present Resolution ASA 02-08, the 2008-2009 Academic Calendar, which has been developed and reviewed by the Calendar Advisory Committee, and has been approved by the Provost and President.

It is recommended that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee approve Resolution ASA 02-08, the Shawnee State University 2008-2009 Academic Calendar.

**1.3 Approval of Mr. Gary Gemmer, Professor Emeritus Action
Resolution ASA 03-08**

Dr. Todt will present the Resolution ASA 03-08 conferring the title of Professor Emeritus be granted for Mr. Gary Gemmer. This resolution is in accordance with Board policy 5.18 and is supported by the President.

It is recommended that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee approve Resolution ASA 03-08, Mr. Gary Gemmer, Professor Emeritus.

RESOLUTION ASA 01-08
HONORING THE FALL SPORTS TEAMS AND INDIVIDUAL ATHLETES

WHEREAS, the Women's and Men's Cross Country teams had one woman and two men runners qualify for the NAIA National meet with the woman finishing 19th and the men finishing 97th and 192nd; and

WHEREAS, The Men's Cross Country team finished 3rd in the AMC/NAIA Region IX meet and the Women's Cross Country team finished 4th in AMC/NAIA Region IX meet; and

WHEREAS, one outstanding student was named 1st Team All-American, five outstanding students were named NAIA All Scholar Athletes, two students named 1st Team All-American Mideast Conference, seven students were named 2nd Team All-American Mideast Conference, one student name American Mideast Conference All-Freshman Team, five students were named American Mideast Conference All-Scholar Athletes, six athletes were named 2nd Team American Mid-East Conference, and eleven athletes were named Honorable Mention American Mid-East Conference;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee State University Board of Trustees grants special recognition to these teams and their coaches for their outstanding accomplishments and commend the individuals as listed below:

NAIA 1st Team All-American

Lisa Davies (Women's Cross Country)

NAIA All-Scholar Athlete:

Lisa Davies (Women's Cross Country)

Samantha Emler (Volleyball)

Sarah Pattee (Volleyball)

Gonzalo Perez-Beck (Men's Soccer)

Chris Roush (Men's Cross Country)

American Mideast Conference All-Scholar Athlete

Lisa Davies (Women's Cross Country)

Samantha Emler (Volleyball)

Sarah Pattee (Volleyball)

Chris Roush (Men's Cross Country)

Gonzalo Perez-Beck (Men's Soccer)

American Mideast Conference All-Freshman Team

Haley Holcomb (Volleyball)

1st Team American Mid-East Conference

Lisa Davies (Women's Cross Country)

Gonzalo Perez-Beck (Men's Soccer)

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2nd Team American Mid-East Conference

Keegan Rathkamp (Men's Cross Country)

Corey Culbertson (Men's Cross Country)

Becca Day (Volleyball)

Steven Cox (Men's Soccer)

Sam Rolsen (Women's Soccer)

Kelley Bowles (Women's Soccer)

Sarah Koehler (Women's Soccer)

Honorable Mention American Mid-East Conference

Heather Koehler (Volleyball)

Haley Holcomb (Volleyball)

Savoeung Len (Women's Soccer)

Amanda Jay (Women's Soccer)

Kat Westendorf (Women's Soccer)

Kurt Rininger (Men's Soccer)

Jonathon Venters (Men's Soccer)

Chris Roush (Men's Cross Country)

Josh Linkous (Men's Cross Country)

Joe Jinks (Men's Cross Country)

Tyler Hickey (Men's Cross Country)

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RESOLUTION ASA 02-08

2008-2009 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

WHEREAS, members of the Calendar Advisory Committee have developed and reviewed the Proposed 2008-2009 Academic Calendar; and

WHEREAS, this calendar accommodates guidelines from the Ohio Board of Regents regarding the number of instructional days each semester; and

WHEREAS, the Calendar Committee, the Provost and the President have approved the proposed academic calendar for 2008-2009; and

WHEREAS, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends approval of the proposed 2008-2009 academic calendar;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Shawnee State University approves the Shawnee State University 2008-2009 Academic Calendar, attached hereto.

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SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY
2008-2009 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Summer Semester 2008-2009

May 26	Memorial Day (<i>University Offices Closed</i>)
May 27	First day of summer semester and first five-week term – classes begin
May 29	Last day to add a class (first five-week term)
June 2	Last day for 100% refund upon complete withdrawal (all semester terms) Last day to add a class (full semester) Last day to apply for pass/no credit (first five-week term)
June 9	Last day to apply for pass/no credit (full semester)
June 20	Last day to drop a class (first five-week term)* Last day to apply for non-credit (first five-week term)
June 23-27	Final Exams (first five-week term) – scheduled last class session of week
June 27	Last day of first five-week term
June 30	First day of second five-week term
July 1	Grades due in Office of the Registrar by noon (first five-week term)
July 2	Last day to add a class (second five-week term)
July 4	Independence Day (<i>University Offices Closed</i>)
July 7	Last day to apply for pass/no credit (second five-week term)
July 14	Last day to drop a class (full semester)* Last day to apply for non-credit (full semester)
July 25	Last day to drop a class (second five-week term)* Last day to apply for non-credit (second five-week term)
August 1	Last day of classes
August 4-8	Final Exams (full semester and second five-week term) scheduled first class session of week
August 8	Semester ends
August 12	Grades due in Office of the Registrar by noon (full semester and second five-week term)

Fall Semester 2008-2009

August 26	Classes begin
September 1	Labor Day Holiday (<i>University Offices Closed</i>)
September 2	Last day to add a class Last day for 100% refund upon complete withdrawal
October 13	Columbus Day (<i>University Offices Open</i>)
November 9	Last day to drop a class* Last day to apply for non-credit
November 11	Veterans Day (<i>University Offices Closed</i>)
Nov 27-28	Thanksgiving Holiday (<i>University Offices Closed</i>)

December 1 Classes resume
December 12 Last day of classes
Dec 13-19 Final Exams
December 19 Semester ends
December 22 Final grades due in Office of the Registrar by noon
December 24 Christmas Holiday (*in lieu of President's Day, University Offices Closed*)
December 25 Christmas Day (*University Offices Closed*)

Spring Semester 2008-2009

January 1 New Year's Day (*University Offices Closed*)
January 12 Classes begin
January 16 Last day to add a class
Last day for 100% refund upon complete withdrawal
January 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (*University Offices Closed*)
February 16 President's Day (*University Offices Open*)
March 20 Last day to drop a class*
Last day to apply for non-credit
March 21-29 Spring Break
March 30 Classes resume
May 1 Last day of classes
May 2-8 Final Exams
May 8 Semester ends
May 9 Commencement
May 12 Grades due in Office of the Registrar by noon

* *Drop deadlines are based on a quarter-based University policy that is under review.*

RESOLUTION ASA 03-08

MR. GARY GEMMER

PROFESSOR EMERITUS

WHEREAS, colleagues of Gary Gemmer have advanced him for consideration for Emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, university policy 5.18 provides the minimum criteria for consideration of Emeritus status, which it clarifies are not adequate justification for granting Emeritus status, and which are:

- At least ten years of full-time employment with Shawnee State University
- Clear evidence of outstanding teaching and/or administrative services
- Recognized record of professional achievement, growth, and development
- Clear evidence of university service beyond the normal or ordinary expectations
- Retired status; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gemmer taught at Shawnee State University for 27 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gemmer served as president of the Shawnee Education Association during the crucial period when Scioto Technical College merged with Ohio University – Portsmouth to form Shawnee State General and Technical College, and also after becoming a university; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gemmer served as University Faculty Association president in 1988-1989, helping to establish the faculty governance structure at the new university; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gemmer was chairperson of the Department of Natural Sciences during a period of great growth, and was largely responsible for designing the new university's physics program and brought speakers renowned in their fields to campus; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gemmer made a profound contribution to the academic life of the university by single-handedly creating in 2005 "A Celebration of Scholarship," which provides students at the undergraduate level with an opportunity to showcase their research in a professional setting; and

WHEREAS, "A Celebration of Scholarship" has become one of the premier academic events at the university and a lasting testament to Mr. Gemmer's commitment to undergraduate education and research.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee State University Board of Trustees confers the title of Professor Emeritus on Mr. Gary Gemmer, together with all rights and privileges of the position herein granted.

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December 2007

Dr. Rita Rice Morris
President, Shawnee State University

Dear Dr. Morris

We, the members of the Department of Natural Sciences, nominate Gary Gemmer for Professor Emeritus in order to recognize his many years of outstanding service to Shawnee State University (SSU). We think Professor Gemmer has met and surpassed all of those standards (Board of Trustees Policy 5.18: Emeritus and Retired Status) necessary for this honor.

Gary Gemmer retired following spring quarter 2005 after completing 27 years of distinguished service at our university and its predecessors. He is one of a small, elite group of faculty who played a key role in the development of SSU extending back to its technical college roots. We challenge you to ask any long-time SSU employee to list the people who have been most instrumental in our university's progress over the past thirty years. We are confident that Gary's name will be at the top of that list.

In 1975, Gary Gemmer was a faculty member at Shawnee Technical College when it merged with Ohio University (Portsmouth Campus) to form Shawnee State General and Technical College. He served as the President of the Shawnee State Education Association in 1975-76 during a crucial period following that merger. Soon after, he left the institution to take a high school teaching position. He was hired as an Assistant Professor by Shawnee State Community College in 1983. Gary was a faculty leader during our transition to university status in 1986 and served as University Faculty Association (UFA) President during the formative stages (1988-89) of our governance system. In addition to being UFA President, he later served as Shawnee Education Association President and Chair of the Department of Natural Sciences (2001-04). He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1988 and Professor in 1997.

Gary Gemmer volunteered much of his time to support the functions of the Shawnee Education Association (SEA). He served as President and also as a contract

negotiator. In the latter capacity, he sacrificed many hours of his time in order to improve faculty working conditions. In his SEA positions, he distinguished himself as a tough negotiator, a strong faculty advocate, and a man of great integrity.

Gary Gemmer served as Chairperson of the Department of Natural Sciences (DNS) during a time of unprecedented growth and progress in the department. This was not coincidental. Gary promoted DNS programs and faculty vigorously during his tenure. He improved the department's visibility and advanced our reputation as the best department on campus. His actions as chair engendered our respect and confidence.

The Department of Natural Sciences, Shawnee State, and the community benefited from an impressive list of speakers that Gary Gemmer brought to campus. Robert Bakker (famous dinosaur specialist), Milford Wolpoff (human evolution, University of Michigan), Lonnie Thompson (world famous glaciologist, The Ohio State University), Melissa Franklin (particle physicist, Harvard) and Edward Kolb (cosmologist, Fermi Lab) are among the distinguished scholars that Gary managed to bring to campus. When asked how he was able to convince these esteemed scholars to visit Shawnee, Gary simply replied, "I just picked up the phone and called them".

Academically, Gary Gemmer was one of our most innovative and effective instructors. He was largely responsible for designing the physics program (including curriculum and facilities) during Shawnee State's formative years. He established a successful pedagogy characterized by seamless integration of lecture and laboratory activities – a method that our physics instructors continue to apply today. In 1992, Gary was selected to participate in a workshop at The Ohio State University for Ohio Mathematics/Science Project Discovery. Project Discovery's hands-on learning strategy became the foundation of Gary's classroom. His application of this instructional strategy is manifest in our curriculum in courses like Physical Science by Inquiry (PSCI 2251 and 2252).

The Celebration of Scholarship might be considered the essence of Gary Gemmer. Over the years, Gary repeatedly expressed his desire to direct public attention to student academic achievement. He felt that too few of our university's events highlighted our most important product. In 2005, he single-handedly organized a campus-wide event

intended to focus attention on student research and creative works. By all accounts, the event was a smashing success. Gary followed up the inaugural event by directing it again in 2006. The annual Celebration of Scholarship is a fitting legacy to a person who dedicated his life to undergraduate education.

In closing, DNS faculty enthusiastically supports the nomination of Professor Gary Gemmer for Professor Emeritus. There is no other faculty member, past or present, who has contributed more to the academic progress and success of Shawnee State.

Sincerely,

Julia L. Basham
Professor, Biology

Robert F. Mauldin
Professor, Chemistry

Jeffrey A. Bauer
Professor, Geology

Andrew M. Napper
Associate Professor, Chemistry

Eugene H. Burns Jr.
Associate Professor, Biology

Scott D. Oliver
Professor, Biology

Robert Deal
Professor, Biology

George M. Trampe
Associate Professor, Chemistry

Wendi L. Fleeman
Assistant Professor, Chemistry

Timothy S. Hamilton
Assistant Professor, Physics

Larry Lonney
Assistant Professor, Physics

RESOLUTION ASA 04-08

DR. EDWARD C. MINER, SR.

PROFESSOR EMERITUS

WHEREAS, colleagues of Dr. Edward C. Miner, Sr. have advanced him for consideration for Emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, university policy 5.18 provides the minimum criteria for consideration of Emeritus status, which it clarifies are not adequate justification for granting Emeritus status, and which are:

- At least ten years of full-time employment with Shawnee State University
- Clear evidence of outstanding teaching and/or administrative services
- Recognized record of professional achievement, growth, and development
- Clear evidence of university service beyond the normal or ordinary expectations
- Retired status; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Miner taught at Shawnee State University for 22 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Miner taught a wide variety of courses he developed in the social sciences, as well as writing the full degree proposal for majors in Psychology and Sociology; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Miner conducted research in statistical process control, quality control, and the operation of labor/management groups at Packard Electric Company, a division of General Motors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Miner “inspired his students to develop ideas and think critically,” and who received favorable evaluations from his students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Miner served as chair of the Social Sciences Department from 1995-1997, developed a deaf studies program, and served on departmental and university-wide committees; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Miner has maintained active membership in the Academy of Management, American Sociological Association and North Central Ohio Sociological Association; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Miner served as president of the Shawnee Education Association several times throughout his career.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee State University Board of Trustees confers the title of Professor Emeritus on Dr. Edward C. Miner, Sr., together with all rights and privileges of the position herein granted.

(January 11, 2008)

October 27, 2007

To: Dr. Rita Rice Morris, President of Shawnee State University

Proposal for Professor Emeritus Status
Dr. Edward C. Miner, Sr.

This letter is written in strong support of the granting Professor Emeritus Status for Edward C. Miner, PhD.

I have worked with Ed Miner since his arrival at Shawnee State University in 1983 and until his retirement in 2005. I will comment on the three criteria for Emeritus Status as listed in the Board of Trustees Policy 2.0 specifically 2.2.2, 2.2.3, and 2.2.4.

As far as outstanding teaching and/or administrative services are concerned, Ed has excelled in this most important area and has done so in developing a wide variety of courses ranging from the more specialized courses taken mostly by social science majors, such as Sociology of the Family, Human Sexuality, Gender Socialization, Sociology of Work, Complex Organizations, Industrial Psychology, Social Psychology, and Dying, Death, and Bereavement to courses taken mostly by non-majors in the General Education Program, such as Introduction to Sociology, Introduction to Psychology, and the Social Science Core. I base this judgment on a number of factors. First, on a few occasions I've had the opportunity to observe classes taught by Ed. Ed's style is to require students to participate in the development of an idea or a concept. He accomplishes this in a variety of ways: discussion sessions characterized by very carefully planned and probing questions or case studies which require students to think critically about ideas and to discover relationships, group activities which again are designed to have students work cooperatively and to actively focus on central issues, and problem solving sessions which are designed to reinforce student understanding of concepts.

Ed's classes have also been observed by his Department Chairperson and the VPAA and in each case the observers' comments have been uniformly positive. Student evaluations of Ed's teaching have also been positive. Common student reactions to his teaching included praise for his high degree of enthusiasm for his discipline, an even higher degree of interest in helping students learn, and willingness to be accessible to students. I have also had the opportunity to hear unsolicited reaction to Ed's teaching by students. In Ed's case the reactions were very consistent: he was a demanding yet fair professor who conveyed to his students a love for his discipline and a caring attitude. This caring attitude was appreciated by students and in fact helped Ed in being an excellent instructor.

Ed served as Chairperson of the Social Science Department in 1995-1997. His responsibilities included being the faculty and administration liaison, coordinating activities of the faculty and the department, scheduling and staffing all classes, conducting department meetings, submitted and managed the department budget,

coordinating academic advising, assuring graduates fulfill degree requirements, responsible for directing revisions in curricula and development of new degree programs, assisting in recruiting and retaining students, managing the department's library allocations, and representing the department at various institutional meetings.

Ed has also shown a record of professional achievement, growth, and development in the research for the Social Science Core Course, research in service writing during an externship with Oberling Ford car dealership, research in statistical process control, quality control, and the operation of labor/management groups at Packard Electric Company, a Division of General Motors. He has maintained an active membership in the Academy of Management, American Sociological Association, and North Central Ohio Sociological Association. Ed developed a deaf studies program, wrote the full degree proposal for majors in Psychology and Sociology, developed the brochure to market the Social Science programs, assisted in the development of the Secondary Education degree in the Social Sciences, and completed proposals for the development of both Sociology and Psychology minors.

Ed engaged students in all areas of their academic journey in the social sciences. This is exemplified by his efforts in leading our students to excel in their chosen field of study and in their presentations at society meetings. Ed provided advice to students doing research and they have consistently represented SSU well at meetings which are a direct reflection of the guidance they've received from Ed.

Ed has clearly and consistently excelled in professional service to the university. He served as the Chair of the Department of Social Sciences. He has been a dedicated leader in accepting responsibility for departmental, college, and university-wide committees. He has been involved in developing the constitution of the University Faculty Senate, served as Core Curriculum Director in the Social Science Department, presented at Shawnee Career Day, participated in the three day strategic management planning seminar, participated in the teaching roundtable of Appalachian cultural differences that influence classroom organization, participated in the forum on ethics, and the forum on gender roles in schools, and served in various accreditation and program reviews. Ed participated in the strategic planning committees and the faculty development planning committee. He was also a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Ed served as President of the Shawnee Education Association several times during which his responsibilities included coordination of all membership and association business, conducted meetings of the membership and the executive committee, coordinated standing and ad hoc committees, served as spokesperson for the association, represented faculty interests, and conducted all activities related to contract negotiations. During his tenure the faculty compensation and benefit package enabled SSU to recruit top quality faculty.

In addition Ed is involved in community service by being on the Southern Ohio/Northern Kentucky Labor/Management Board, the Goodwill Board of Directors, and the YMCA Board of Directors.

In summary, I have found Dr. Edward C. Miner, Sr. to be a highly valued faculty member who has excelled in teaching and administrative services, professional achievement, and university service. His legacy continues at SSU as we who benefited from his teaching service, his professionalism, and his service continue to make solid contributions to our departments, our colleges, and to the university itself. I cannot think of a candidate more worthy of Professor Emeritus.

If there is additional information that I can supply, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Julia L. Basham
Professor of Biology