News

Provost search moving rapidly, Board of Advisers told

By Sharon L. DePalma

In a November 8 Board of Advisers meeting, Penn State University President Dr. Bryce Jordan said the search for Capitol Campus' new provost/dean is underway.

"The process is moving very rapidly," Jordan said.

At present, Jordan said the University has received 136 applicants from 30 states and two foreign countries and hopes to narrow the search down to between three to six candidates on or by January 1.

Jordan also commented on the prospects of a Master of Business Administration (MBA) program at Capitol. "I think an (urban) campus such as this needs to have a very active and very carefully planned MBA program," Jordan said. "It ought to relate to the part-

"It ought to relate to the parttime student who works fulltime," Jordan said, "and should not sacrifice in terms of its standards but ought to be scheduled at a time when such students can take advantage of it." In other matters, Board Member Sondra Osler said Juliet Coles Rowland, a Harrisburg area civic leader, has been scheduled to speak at the January 7 commencement.

The Board of Advisers also acknowledged five new Capitol Campus faculty members. They are: Dr. Scott E. Walters, assistant professor of chemistry; Dr. M.S. Audi, associate professor of engineering; and John G. Perna, instructor of engineering.

Also introduced were: Dr. William A. Henk, assistant professor of education and reading; and Nancy B. Kribbs, instructor of psychology.

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The Board of Advisers, which meets twice a year, consists of 24 community leaders who represent public and academic interests and aid in Penn State fund raising.



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In above photo, Dr. Bryce Jordan, Penn State University president (center), is flanked by Capitol Campus Acting Provost/Dean Dr. Stanley Miller (left) and John Hershey, vice-chairman of the Board of Advisers (right) at a November 8 meeting of the Board of Advisers. In photo at left, Jordan addresses Board of Advisers.

Task force approves multi-building plan

By Linda McCarty

The Multi-Building Committee unanimously approved the relocation of student activities to the Multi-Purpose Building and Continuing Education to the current Student Center, according to S.G.A. Vice-President Chris Barrett, student representative on the committee.

The recommendation of the committee for the proposed moves already authorized by the University Park Arrangements Committee, must be approved by Acting Provost/Dean Stanley Miller before moves are implemented.

However, Miller said that no moves will be made until it is known exactly what we are doing. "I would probably want to meet with administration and S.G.A. before making a final decision," Miller said.

While the question of whether or not to move the Student Center from its present location tallied an indecisive 116 to 115 as a referendum on the Fall S.G.A. ballot, a follow-up survey proved a more accurate determinant of student opinion, according to Barrett.

"Results from the survey gave us a more biographical account of students. We found out the number of times they used the current center, whether they were a commuter or resident... We found the comments to be most helpful," Barrett said.

While there was some question whether the proposed move would include student organization offices, Barrett said that proposed moves presently only included the Student Center.

According to Manager of Maintenance and Utilities Operations Joseph Kemp, a member of the committee, the space allotted on the second floor of the Multi-Purpose Building for the Student Center is more than twice that existing in the current center. It would mean an increase of 4,000 sq. ft. to 8,500 sq. ft.

The proposal to move the Student Center was initially made by former Provost Dr. Theodore Gross in response to students' requests for renovations on the existing center, according to Barrett.

"The present activities center really doesn't lend itself (to our current needs) as it is now," said Kathy Branigan, Director of Student Activities. "I'd like to see more space, a nicer space." Said Barrett, "The Multi-Purpose Building is a much nicer building, more centrally located. I think it was a great gesture to offer students such an attractive place."

The Admissions Office, which occupied an area in the space allotted for the proposed Student Center relocation, has been moved to the Surveying Laboratory. The Surveying Laboratory has been relocated to a new site near its old location.

According to Kemp, the moves date back to May, 1983, when Dr. Gross made a proposal to the University Park arrangement committee to make better utilization of existing facilities. On July 27, the Arrangements Committee authorized the proposed changes. Capitol Times, Thursday, Nov. 17, 1983