

April 2014 – Report to the Community

Dear Members of the Haverford Community,

We write to report on the meetings of the Board of Managers held on campus April 24-26, 2014.

This was the Board's final meeting of 2013-14 and, at the close of the first year of Dan Weiss's presidency; it provided a chance to reflect on the state of the College after a prolonged leadership transition.

The Board had the opportunity to review the most significant indicator of Haverford's health and ambition in the latest version of the emerging strategic plan. The Board expressed great enthusiasm for the Plan and the institutional priorities therein that build on the College's core of academic excellence and values-centered education. The Board invited further refinement in the Plan's consideration of campus diversity as well as the development of an assessment framework through which to track institutional progress over the coming years. The Board asked for a final version of the Plan to be presented for approval at its October 2014 meeting.

Concurrent with the conclusion of the College's strategic planning process will be the public launch of the next comprehensive fundraising campaign. In preparation for this effort, the Board reviewed the institutional priorities articulated in the Plan that will require new funding as well as the current philanthropic climate, and it approved a campaign goal of \$225 million to be reached by 2017. Achieving this ambitious fundraising total would put Haverford on par with the highest-performing liberal arts colleges in the country on a per capita basis, and it will allow for significant investment in the College's highest needs.

Among the projects articulated in the Plan and to be supported through the campaign is the renovation of the Old Gym into a center for visual culture, arts, and media. The Board charged the College with proceeding with the development of this project, the next phase of which over the summer will be the selection of an architectural firm.

Among its regular business items, the Board was pleased to approve the reappointments of Imke Brust (German), Heidi Jacob (Music), Saleha Jilani (Economics), Alexander Kitroeff (History), and Jonathan Wilson (Biology); the promotion to associate professor with tenure of Beth Willman (Astronomy); and the promotions to full professor of Tom Lloyd (Music), Robert Manning (Mathematics), and Iruka Okeke (Biology). And with great enthusiasm, the Board approved the granting of degrees to the members of the Class of 2014 at Commencement on May 18, and it offers its congratulations to graduating seniors and their families.

The Board thanked for their service departing Manager John Morse '73, Young Alumni Associate Shruti Shibulal '06, and Vice President for Finance and Administration G. Richard Wynn. It was also the final meeting for Board Co-Chair Catherine P. Koshland '72, whose leadership and service to Haverford over the past twenty years deserves our deepest appreciation. Starting next year, fellow Co-Chair Howard W. Lutnick will serve as sole Chair of the Board of Managers.

We'd like to thank all the staff, faculty, and students, who contributed to making these meetings a success.

Sincerely,

Catherine P. Koshland '72, Co-Chair
Howard W. Lutnick '83, Co-Chair
Daniel H. Weiss President