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APSCUF Offers Contract Compromise

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(Harrisburg, Pa.) – As the budget impasse moves past the 100-day mark and several universities are poised to raise tuition substantially, the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties (APSCUF), which represents almost 6,000 faculty and coaches at the State System universities, offered a contract compromise to ensure stability for students and their families.

APSCUF has informed Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education that the faculty will accept an agreement in line with that the one negotiated between the governor and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. The State System has already reached similar agreements with its other unions. The details of the offer include a one-year interim contract and a step increase effective in January. APSCUF has also asked that the System provide updated financial information in a timely fashion.

The contract compromise will help students deal with the uncertainty of tuition and the lack of state support. Last week the State System voted to significantly increase tuition at several universities.

"While this compromise does not begin to address our faculty members' concerns, we believe it is most important to restore some stability for our universities while the General Assembly negotiates a budget," APSCUF President Ken Mash said. "We all owe it to our students and their families to remove any concern about their faculty remaining in the classroom this academic year."

APSCUF anticipates a quick and favorable response from the State System board. In addition to the step increase, this offer calls on the System to continue to provide money for faculty research.

The next round of negotiations between APSCUF and PASSHE is scheduled for Friday, November 6, following the System's cancellation of a session on October 12. APSCUF hopes to immediately begin negotiations on a new contract for the following year.



Flu Shot Opportunities



STATE SYSTEM Health Plan Members – Highmark PPO Plan

All Highmark members (who are age 9 and older) can obtain a no-cost flu shot at any Rite Aid Pharmacy or Giant Eagle location in Pennsylvania, and at many other pharmacy locations. No appointment is needed, just your Highmark member ID card. The State System health plan will be billed directly for this service. Highmark members of all ages can obtain a flu shot from their physician (an office visit co-pay may be charged).

STATE SYSTEM Health Plan - Geisinger HMO Members

Geisinger HMO members of the State System plan can obtain a no-cost flu shot at any participating pharmacy that offers them. Participating pharmacies include the following retail pharmacies:

Rite Aid, CVS, Walmart, Weis, Giant, Kmart, Target

Various Geisinger Pharmacies

Select local, independent pharmacies (member can do a pharmacy search by zip code on the Geisinger member website to see additional local pharmacy options www.thehealthplan.com)

Geisinger members can also receive a flu shot at their primary-care provider's office (an office visit co-pay may apply).

STATE SYSTEM Health Plan – UPMC HMO Members

UPMC HMO members of the State System plan can obtain a no-cost flu shot at Rite Aid

UPMC HMO members can obtain a flu shot at their doctor's office (an office visit co-pay may apply).

UPMC HMO members can also obtain a flu shot at any pharmacy or clinic. They may then submit a claim form with a receipt to UPMC and they will receive reimbursement. See your HR office for claim form.

STATE SYSTEM Health Plan – Keystone East HMO Members

Keystone East HMO Members can obtain a flu shot at their doctor's office (an office visit co-pay may apply).

Keystone East HMO members can obtain a no-cost flu shot at the following retail pharmacies:

Rite Aid, CVS, CVS MinuteClinics, and Walgreens Take Care Health Clinics

Participating retail health clinics - do a "Provider Finder" search by zip code on the member website –see link below http://www.ibx.com/company_info/news/health_news/seasonal_flu.html

Keystone East HMO members can also obtain a flu shot at any pharmacy or clinic. They may then submit a claim form with a receipt to Keystone East and they will receive reimbursement (up to \$25 per member, per vaccine). See your HR office for claim form.

STATE SYSTEM Health Plan – Keystone Central HMO Members

Keystone Central HMO Members can obtain a flu shot at their doctor's office (an office visit co-pay may apply). Currently, this is the only flu shot benefit available to Keystone Central HMO members.

Flexible Spending Accounts - Open Enrollment



FSA Open Enrollment | Oct 19 – Nov 20, 2015

Visit <http://www.pashe.edu/inside/hr/syshr/Pages/fsa.aspx>
for more information.

**If you have an FSA today, you need to enroll during
Open Enrollment to have a FSA in 2016.**

(Note: Up to \$500 may roll over from your health care FSA account in 2015 to be used for 2016 eligible expenses. No rollover provision for dependent care FSAs.)

There are two types of FSA plans: **Health Care** and **Dependent Care**

Health Care - used to pay for **you** and/or your **family's** out of pocket medical, dental, vision, or prescription expenses **not paid by insurance including copays, coinsurance, and deductibles**

Dependent Care – used to pay for **eligible child or elder care expenses**, including **day care**, before / after school care and summer day camps to allow the employee / spouse to work.

All Open Enrollment elections or changes should be made through [Employee Self Service \(ESS\)](#).

Maximum that can be elected for **health care FSA is \$2,500** and **dependent care is \$5,000**.

Who is APSCUF?

Ellen Kehres

Assistant Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry
6th year at Bloomsburg University
Hometown – Shunk, PA



On campus –

- Converted from temporary to tenure-track this fall
- Teaches 100 level chemistry courses for a range of students, from liberal arts to chemistry majors
- Chair of the COST Communications Committee
- Member of the APSCUF PR committee

Off campus –

- Ellen's husband, Jake, also teaches at BU in the College of Business, and they have three children: Ben, 9; Calvin, 7; and Annie, 3
- Active in the Bloomsburg Baptist Church
- Enjoys watching her boys play AYSO soccer and attends preschool storytime at the Bloomsburg Public Library with her daughter
- Family likes hiking and geocaching at local parks
- Received APSCUF scholarship as an undergraduate

Frank D'Angelo

Associate Professor, Early Childhood and Adolescent Education
11th year at Bloomsburg University
Hometown – Center Valley, PA



On campus –

- Developed Math Tutorial Programs with Benton School District and St. Joseph's School in Danville
- Facilitated the BU Summer Math Camp for seven years
- BUCC Member for 4 years and serving on third term on Tenure Committee
- Created and still facilitates the Bethlehem/Easton Urban Practicum which has been attended by over 450 students the past 10 years

Off Campus –

- NCAA Football official officiating in the Ivy League, the Patriot League and Colonial Athletic Conference
- Officiated 7 PIAA state championships in various sports
- Umpired the 1994 Little League World Series
- Member of St. Joseph's RC Church in Limeport PA and has served as a eucharistic minister
- Runs about 40 races a year

Who is APSCUF?

Chang Sup Park

Assistant Professor, Mass Communications

2nd year at Bloomsburg University

Hometown - Seoul, South Korea



On campus –

- ✚ Worked as a journalist at a nation-wide newspaper in South Korea for 14 years covering politics, economic issues, public affairs, digital industry, film, and education
- ✚ Enjoys meeting students and hearing their voices about journalism, media industry and their career plans
- ✚ Research focuses on the intersection between digital media, journalism and democracy
- ✚ Published nine papers to peer-reviewed journals

Off campus –

- ✚ Likes catching up with current issues every day to provide ideas for classes, and get inspiration for research
- ✚ Favorite part about Bloomsburg is the beautiful nature, including Susquehanna River, mountains, and trails
- ✚ Plays tennis at Bloomsburg Town Park
- ✚ Plans to ski at nearby resorts this winter

Margaret (Maggie) O'Connor

Associate Professor (Chair)

**Business Education, Information and Technology Management,
and Business Law**

8th year at Bloomsburg University

Hometown - Brewster, NY



On campus –

- ✚ Faculty advisor for the Information & Technology Management (ITM) club on campus, which helps other clubs build websites
- ✚ Developing the Master in Education in Business Education on-line degree
- ✚ Enjoys meeting with faculty across campus in the Writing in the Disciplines working group
- ✚ Teaches the adult learners in the BASTL program and finds it a challenging experience

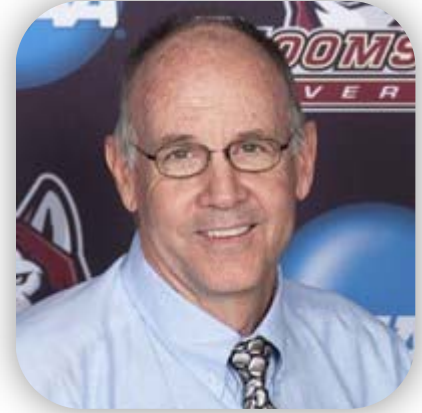
Off campus –

- ✚ Executive board member for the National Business Education Association, keeping her busy with conference planning and activities.
- ✚ Enjoys Yoga at the local YMCA
- ✚ Learning and engaging with apps in i-Phone
- ✚ Favorite past-time is spending quality time with her children, Katherine and Kyle.

Who is APSCUF?

Stu Marvin

**Bloomsburg University Men’s and Women’s Swimming Coach
8th year at Bloomsburg University
Hometown—Oreland, PA**



On campus –

- ✚ Bloomsburg University Alumni Association Board of Directors
- ✚ Student Athlete Advisory Committee – Speaker for our PASS Program
- ✚ Husky Leadership Summit – Guest Speaker
- ✚ Athletic Hall of Fame Committee

Off campus-

- ✚ YMCA of the USA - Masters National Swimming Championship Committee
- ✚ College Swimming Coaches Association of America – Swim Forum Committee
- ✚ Kocher Park Volunteer
- ✚ Poll Worker – Columbia County Board of Elections
- ✚ 1978 Graduate of Bloomsburg State College



APSCUF/BU General Membership Meeting

Monday, November 9, 2015 at 3:00 PM
Schweiker Conference Room

Dr. Ken Mash, State APSCUF President will be attending and his topic will be “Whither Bloomsburg University”





Where's APSCUF??? Contest!

Where's APSCUF?

APSCUF members are EVERYWHERE.

We are an active part of our community!

How to join in the fun.....

Enter
to
Win

1. Whenever you see an APSCUF colleague wearing APSCUF clothing out in public, including BU sporting events, take a picture of them. (no picture allowed on Bloomsburg campus, except athletic fields)
2. Submit your picture by email to the BU APSCUF PR committee at bloompr@apscuf.org for an entry into a drawing for a \$50 gift card to the restaurant of your choice in Bloomsburg. Pictures must include, who took the picture and where the picture was taken (i.e. Giant, youth soccer game, farmer's market, Knoebels, etc.).
3. The more, different, pictures submitted the more chances to win.
4. The first winner will be announced during finals week of fall semester.



Questions? Contact Eric Hawrelak
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**We are
working for you!**

APSCUF's Special Services Committee is pleased to announce the launching of a **new special services program**. All full dues paying members of APSCUF and APSCURF now have exclusive access to the **Working Advantage discount network**, which allows you to save up to 60% on ticketed events and online shopping.

Not a full dues paying member? Contact your local APSCUF office to join as a full member and begin saving on entertainment and other items you use.

Through Working Advantage, you can save on:

Movie Tickets:

Participating AMC, Regal, Cinemark and Showcase Cinemas with additional regional brands listed

Theme Parks:

Disney World, Disneyland, Universal, Six Flags, Sea World, Busch Gardens, Legoland, Hershey, Dorney Park, Sesame Place, Dutch Wonderland and many more

Ski Tickets:

Camelback, Jack Frost Big Boulder, Shawnee, Sugarloaf, Jay Peak and many more

Sporting Events:

Includes some MLB, NFL, NBA, NHL Teams and US Open Tennis

Also save on items such as:

Broadway Shows, Hotels, Travel, Health, Fitness, Museums, City Passes, Merchant Gift Certificates, Online Shopping ...and much more!

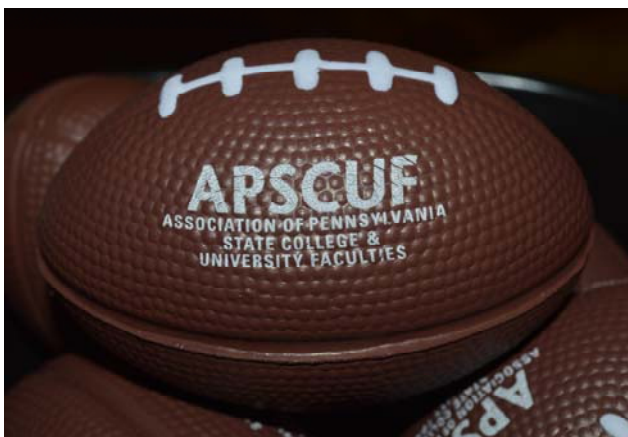
To view and/or subscribe, you may access the Working Advantage website by visiting the Special Services section in the Members Forum (www.apscuf.org), or by clicking here: www.workingadvantage.com.

When opening an individual account you will need the **APSCUF ID# which can be obtained from the local APSCUF office, Nancy Koutris at State APSCUF, or by visiting the Members Forum section at www.apscuf.org (log-in access required).**

Working Advantage offers 24-hour online shopping and customer support Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM Eastern time. If you have specific questions regarding the site, please contact Working Advantage at 800-565-3712.

Homecoming 2015

The 6th Annual APSCUF/BU Homecoming Information Table was set up during the Homecoming Football game. Volunteers distributed free raffle tickets for one of four \$25 gift cards to the BU University Store. They also handed out mini footballs! Thanks to all who helped.



Homecoming Sports Recap
 Football Team won against Kutztown 27-21
 Field Hockey team lost against Millersville 0-1
 Men's Soccer won against Pitt-Johnstown 2-0
 Women's Soccer won against Pitt-Johnstown 4-0

APSCUF member Christopher Hallen with student, Jack Schott at the Homecoming Football Game.



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 Let us know! bloompr@apscuf.org

APSCUF/BU Leadership 2015-2017

APSCUF/BU Officers & Delegates

- Chapter President** - Stephen Kokoska
Vice President - Winona Cochran
Treasurer - A. Blair Staley
Secretary - David Magolis
Delegates to the Legislative Assembly
1. Stephen Kokoska
 2. Julie Kontos
 3. Eric Hawrelak
 4. Christopher Hallen
 5. Winona Cochran
 6. Mark Usry
 7. Craig Young
 8. A. Blair Staley

APSCUF/BU Committee Chairs

- Grievance Committee**- Julie Kontos (James Tomlinson-Interim Chair)
Meet/Discuss & Negotiations Committee - William Hudon
Nominations, Elections & Rules Committee - Helmut Doll
Audit Committee - William Calhoun
Gender Issues Committee - Anna Turnage
Health and Welfare Committee - Michael Coffta
Membership Committee - Michael Borland
Mobilization Committee - Eric Hawrelak
Public Relations Committee - Michael Martin
Legislative Committee - Wendy Lee and Kurt Smith
Social Committee - Nakul Kumar
Faculty/Student Liason Committee - David Fazzino
Curriculum Committee - Bruce Candlish
CAP - Christopher Hallen

APSCUF/BU Coach Leadership

- Coach President and Coach Delegate to Legislative Assembly** - Paul Darragh
Coach Vice President & Alternate Coach Delegate to the Legislative Assembly - Bernie Empie
Coaches Grievance Representative - Chet Henicle
Coaches Meet & Discuss Committee - Paul Darragh, Bernie Empie, and Susan Kocher