38th Board of Governors Meeting - Program

Sunday, May 25, 2008
Committee meetings will take place in the W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall at the BGU Marcus Family Campus in Beer-Sheva
A registration desk will be situated at the entrance to the W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall

9:00 a.m.  Registration of Board members
9:30 a.m.  Finance Committee Meeting
            Chairpersons: Eric Charles, UK; Micha Dapht, Israel
11:30 a.m. Academic Development Committee Meeting
            Chairpersons: Prof. Yehudith Birk, Israel; Prof. Jimmy Weinblatt, Rector
1:00 – 3:30 p.m. Buffet-style lunch runs continuously in hall adjacent to the meeting
2:30 p.m.  Student Affairs Committee Meeting
            Chairpersons: Suzanne Zlotowski, UK; Aharon Yadlin, Israel
4:00 p.m.  Associates Affairs Committee Meeting
            Chairpersons: Roy J. Zuckerberg, USA; Prof. Rivka Carmi, President
6:30 p.m.  Unveiling of New Inscriptions on the Ben-Gurion Wall and the Founders Wall

Monday, May 26, 2008

8:30 a.m.  Registration of Board members
            Lobby of the Joya Claire Sonnenfeldt Auditorium
9:30 a.m.  Opening Plenary Session of the 38th Board of Governors Meeting
            Addresses:
            Roy J. Zuckerberg, Chairman of the Board
            Prof. Rivka Carmi, President
            Prof. Jimmy Weinblatt, Rector
            Greetings from the Mayor of Beer-Sheva, Yaakov Terner

            Keynote speaker:
            Prof. Amos Oz, Department of Hebrew Literature, BGU
            Israel at 60

            Presentation of President's Prize for Outstanding Scientific Achievement,
marking the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel

Joya Claire Sonnenfeldt Auditorium

12:00 p.m. Lunch
Suzanne Zlotowski Garden

1:00 p.m. Return to hotel

2:00 p.m. Travel to Sede Boqer

Events that will take place at the Sede Boqer Campus

3:00 p.m. Creating an Environment for Peace

A Model Agreement for Environmental Cooperation
with the participation of Dr. Mohammad Said Al-Hmaidi,
former Director-General of the Ministry of the Environment of the
Palestinian Authority
and Prof. Alon Tal, Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research

Transboundary Environmental Research by graduate students
from Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian Authority
from the Albert Katz International School for Desert Studies

Moderator: Prof. Avigad Vonshak, Director, Jacob Blaustein
Institutes for Desert Research
George Evens Family Auditorium

4:30 p.m. Tours of the Jacob Blaustein Institutes and the Ben-Gurion
Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism
including the dedication of the Landau Family Microalgal
Biotechnology Laboratory
in the presence of Martin Landau, UK

6:00 p.m. Visit the gravesite of Paula and David Ben-Gurion
including presentation by Dr. Natan Aridan, Ben-Gurion Research
Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

9:00 a.m. A Showcase of the Humanities: From the Heart – Israeli Culture in Context
with the participation of Israeli writers and members of the Pinchas
Sapir Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences:
Etgar Keret, author, Department of Hebrew Literature
Nidaa Khoury, poet, Department of Hebrew Literature
Prof. Haviva Pedaya, Department of Jewish History

Israeli composer and singer Yehudit Ravitz
and musical group Ensemble Ha’Yona
Moderator: Prof. Nissim Calderon, Department of Hebrew Literature, BGU
Joya Claire Sonnenfeldt Auditorium
(Event is open to the public; seating is limited)

11:30 a.m.
A Celebration of Community Intervention: Engaging the Mind and Soul – Academia in the Community
including recognition of the 25th Anniversary of the Charlotte B. and Jack J. Spitzer Department of Social Work
and the 30th Anniversary of the Open Apartments Program at BGU
Guest of honor: Minister of Social Welfare Isaac Herzog
Moderator: Prof. Alean Alkrenawi, Chairman, Charlotte B. and Jack J. Spitzer Department of Social Work, BGU
Joya Claire Sonnenfeldt Auditorium

1:00 p.m.
Lunch with students of the Open Apartments Program
Suzanne Zlotowski Garden

2:00 p.m.
Dedication of the Abraham Ben David Ohayon Behavioral Sciences Complex
With remarks by special guest Nobel laureate Prof. Daniel Kahneman, University, USA/Israel
in the presence of Abraham Ben David Ohayon and family, Switzerland
Guest of honor: MK Prof. Avishay Braverman
Moderator: Prof. Avishai Henik, former Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
and former Chairman of the Department of Behavioral Sciences

3:00 p.m.
The Zlotowski Annual Lecture:
Recent Revolutions in our View of the Mind
by Nobel laureate Prof. Daniel Kahneman, Princeton University, USA
in the presence of Suzanne Zlotowski, UK, and Adelene Zlotowski, UK
Moderator: Prof. Ora Kofman, Chairperson, Zlotowski Center for Neurosciences
Auditorium of the Abraham Ben David Ohayon Behavioral Sciences Complex

4:00 p.m.
Inauguration of Professorial Chairs
Ernest Scheller, Jr. Chair in Innovative Management
Incumbent: Prof. Amos Drory, Department of Business Administration
Glazer School of Business and Management
in the presence of Ernest and Roberta Scheller, USA
and Aaron Fish Chair in Mechanical Engineering – Fracture Mech
Incumbent: Prof. Mordechai Perl, Department of Mechanical Engineering
Faculty of Engineering Sciences
in the presence of Aaron Fish, Canada
W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall

5:00 p.m.
The Hyman and Irene Kreitman Annual Memorial Lecture:
**Light and Matter: The Modernity of Einstein’s Ideas**  
by Nobel laureate in Physics **Prof. Claude Cohen-Tannoudji**, Collège France and Ecole Normale Supérieure, France  
Opening remarks: **Prof. Jimmy Weinblatt**, Rector  
W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall

7:30 p.m.  
**Conferment of Honorary Doctoral Degrees**  
Dr. Agnes Heller, Hungary/USA; Carol Saal, USA; **Prof. Amos Oz**, Israel  
Guest of honor: **Prof. Menahem Yaari**, President of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities  
Moderator: **Prof. Ilan Troen**

Kreitman Plaza

The ceremony will be followed by a reception in the Udi Garden

**Wednesday, May 28, 2008**

9:00 a.m.  
**Dedication of the Stan Flinkman Foyer**  
in the presence of **Ruth Flinkman**, USA  
Henry and Anita Weiss Family Building for Advanced Research

10:00 a.m.  
**Sderot: A Personal Viewpoint**  
by **Dr. Orit Nuttman-Shwartz**, Chairperson of the Department of Social Work at Sapir College in Sderot and member of the Charlotte B. and Jack J. Spitzer Department of Social Work at BGU;  
and **Dr. Dror Zeevi**, Department of Middle East Studies and resident of Sderot  
and  
**Challenges for the Future – Second Plenary Session of the 38th Board of Governors Meeting: Resolutions**  
Chairman: **David Brodet**, Chairman of the Executive Committee  
W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall

12:00 p.m.  
**Dedication of the Eric F. and Lore Ross Atrium for Community Action and Enrichment**  
in the presence of **Eric F. and Lore Ross**, USA  
Deichmann Building for Community Action

1:00 p.m.  
**Lunch with researchers from the Faculties of Health Sciences, Engineering Sciences and Natural Sciences**

2:00 p.m.  
**Visits to BGU laboratories and meet with researchers**  
including the dedication of the **Eric F. and Lore Ross Lecture Hall**  
in the presence of **Eric F. and Lore Ross**, USA  
Ruth and Heinz-Horst Deichmann Building for Health Professions