39th Program

Sunday, May 24, 2009

A registration desk will be situated at the entrance to the W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall in the afternoon

1:30 p.m.  Presentation of the Annual University Report to the Board of Governors
          W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall

6:00 p.m.  Unveiling of New Names on the refurbished
           Ben-Gurion Wall and the Founders Wall

8:00 p.m.  Student Evening
           sponsored by the American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Monday, May 25, 2009

8:30 a.m.  Registration of Board members
           Lobby of the Joya Claire Sonnenfeldt Auditorium

9:30 a.m.  Opening Plenary Session of the 39th 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, Ruvik Danilovich
           and Prof. Shlomo Grossman, the Chairman of the Planning and
           Budgeting Committee of the Council for Higher Education

           Farewell to outgoing Presidents of the Associates
           Organizations

           Presentation of President’s Prizes for Outstanding Scientific
           Achievement

           Presentation of Marc Rich Foundation Prizes for Senior
Women Researchers

Guest of Honor: Rabbi Prof. Daniel Hershkowitz, Minister of Science & Technology

12:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  Meetings with faculty members to explore innovative areas of research, including lunch with researchers and students

3:00 p.m.  Panel Discussion: Researchers Returning "Home" with the participation of newly-recruited researchers:
Dr. Galia Avidan, Department of Psychology
Dr. Sigal Abramovich, Department of Geological and Environmental Sciences
Dr. Amiel Ishaaya, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Dr. Eli C. Lewis, Department of Clinical Biochemistry
Dr. Miki Malul, Department of Public Policy and Administration
Dr. Raz Zarivach, National Institute for Biotechnology in the Negev
and Department of Life Sciences
Moderator: Prof. Arie Moran, Deputy Vice-President and Dean for Research and Development
W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall

7:45 p.m.  Conferment of Honorary Doctoral Degrees
Recipients: HE Dr. Mohammed Al-Hadid, Jordan; Gila Almagor, Israel;
Dani Karavan, Israel; Prof. Anita Shapira, Israel;
Prof. Dr. Bernhard Vogel, Germany; Roy J. Zuckerberg, USA
Moderator: Prof. Ilan Troen
Kreitman Plaza
The ceremony will be followed by a reception in the Udi Garder

Tuesday, May 26, 2009

9:30 a.m.  Dedication Ceremony of the Avram and Stella Goldstein-Gorer Department of Biotechnology Engineering in the presence of the Goren family
W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall - Event has been canceled

10:30 a.m.  The Zlotowski Annual Lecture
The immune system maintains the brain and the mind in health and disease:
Implications for neurodegenerative and mental diseases

by Prof. Michal Schwartz, Weizmann Institute of Science
and Presentation of Zlotowski Scholarships
in the presence of Suzanne Zlotowski, UK
and Adelene Zlotowski, UK
Moderator: Prof. Yael Amitai, Director, Zlotowski Center for Neurosciences
W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall

11:30 a.m. Symposium: Renewable Energy
with the participation of:
Prof. David Faiman, Prof. Daniel Feuermann – Solar Energy
Prof. Sami Boussiba, Prof. Moti Herskowitz – Renewable

Biofuels
– Photovoltaic Cells
Dr. Nurit Ashkenasy, Dr. Eugene A. Katz, Dr. Iris Visoly-Fisher
Moderator: Prof. Moti Herskowitz, Vice-President and Dean
for Research and Development
W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall

1:00 p.m. Lunch
Dining Room, Zlotowski Student Center

3:00 p.m. Festive event honoring Prof. Amos Oz on his 70th birthday and
a musical celebration of his novel The Same Sea,
together with singer Ronit Ophir,
Moderator: Prof. Moshe Justman, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
Joya Claire Sonnenfeldt Auditorium
followed by an Exhibition of Amos Oz’s Works – The
Mapping of Language
Minkoff Family Senate Court

Chairman’s Dinner Dance
an evening of music and dance
Guest of Honor: Minister of Minorities Prof. Avishay Braverman

By invitation only