Program for the 47th Board Meeting

May 14–17, 2017

Sunday, May 14, 2017

3:00 p.m.  
Lecture under the Auspices of the Robert St. John Chair in Objective Middle East Reporting:  
organized by the Chaim Herzog Center for Middle East Studies and Diplomacy  
Truth Under Siege: Reporting in the Age of Alternative Facts  
Speaker: Journalist Jonathan Ferziger, Bloomberg News, Israel  
Moderator: Prof. Lynn Schler, Department of Politics and Government  
Helen Diller Family Center, Room 109

3:30 p.m.  
Finance Committee Meeting  
Chairperson: Dvora Tomer, Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Committee  
W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall

5:45 p.m.  
Tour of Beer-Sheva  
Driving tour highlighting the city's growth and development,  
followed by a walking tour of the Old City with an emphasis on art and culture  
Departure from the bus stop behind the Zlotowski Student Center

8:00 p.m.  
Welcome Dinner Hosted by President Prof. Rivka Carmi  
Lauder Center, Old City of Beer-Sheva  
(For registered participants)
Monday, May 15, 2017

10:00 a.m.  
**Opening Plenary Session of the 47th Board of Governors Meeting**  
Addresses:  
Alexander M. Goren, Chairman of the Board of Governors  
Prof. Zvi HaCohen, Rector  
Ori Rath, Chairman of the Student Union  
**Counting Up to 50 – Opening Presentation:**  
Prof. Rivka Carmi, President  
Joya Claire Sonnenfeldt Auditorium

12:00 p.m.  
**Working Lunch for Board Members with President Prof. Rivka Carmi**  
Barkan Conference Hall, Zlotowski Student Administration Building  
(For registered participants)

2:00 p.m.  
**Concert in Memory of Dr. Heinz-Horst Deichmann**  
Performed by the Israel Chamber Orchestra and Members of the Chamber Music Course at BGU  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Requiem K. 626  
Ariel Zuckermann, Conductor  
Talia Or, Soprano  
Avital Deri, Alto  
Eitan Drori, Tenor  
Oded Reich, Bass  
The Tel Aviv Collegium Singers  
Joya Claire Sonnenfeldt Auditorium

3:30 p.m.  
**Annual Zlotowski Event**  
**Public Reading by Author Nicole Krauss, USA**  
Distinguished Visitor, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, BGU  
Presentation of the Zlotowski Admission Awards for Outstanding Students  
Moderator: Prof. Steve Rosen, Vice-President for External Affairs  
W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall

5:00 p.m.  
**Dedication of the Aron Bernstein Chair in Jewish History**  
Incumbent: Prof. Hanna Yablonka, Department of Jewish History  
Panel: New and Fascinating Aspects in Holocaust Research  
Showcasing BGU students and alumni from the Department of Jewish History:  
Tehilla Malka  
Dr. Amir Peleg  
Dalit Danenberg  
Moderator: Prof. Chaim Hames, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences  
W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall

6:30 p.m.  
**Ceremony Recognizing the University’s New and Most Loyal Supporters**  
Plaza adjacent to the Ben-Gurion Wall

8:00 p.m.  
**Student Evening** sponsored by American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
Student Performances, Personal Encounters, and Auction of Student Projects  
Suzanne Zlotowski Garden  
(For registered participants)
Tuesday, May 16, 2017

9:00 a.m.
**Inauguration of the Carole and Marcus Weinstein Software and Information Systems Engineering and Cyber Security Building**
in the presence of Carole and Marcus Weinstein, USA

**Dedication of the Carole Weinstein Chair in Information Systems Engineering**
Incumbent: Prof. Bracha Shapira, Chair, Department of Software and Information Systems Engineering
Moderator: Prof. Dan Blumberg, Vice-President and Dean for Research & Development

**Carole and Marcus Weinstein Software and Information Systems Engineering and Cyber Security Building**

10:15 a.m.
**Unveiling of the Sculpture The Acrobats by Theo Tobiasse**
in the presence of Catherine Faust-Tobiasse, France
Moderator: Prof. Steve Rosen, Vice-President for External Affairs

**Adjacent to the Abraham Ben David Ohayon Behavioral Sciences Complex**

11:00 a.m.
**Presentation of the University’s Year in Review to the Board of Governors Screening of the Documentary Film Ben-Gurion, Epilogue,**
Marking David Ben-Gurion’s 130th Birthday, and Conversation with the Producer Yael Perlov

**Abraham Ben David Ohayon Behavioral Sciences Complex**

1:00 p.m.
**Lunch**

3:00 p.m.
**Dedication of the Michael Feige Career Development Chair in Israeli Society**
in the presence of the Feige Family
Incumbent: Dr. Ben Herzog, Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism
Moderator: Prof. Ofer Shiff, Head of Research Hub, World Jewry in Israel, Center for Israel Studies

**W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall**

4:30 p.m.
**Irene and Hyman Kreitman Annual Memorial Lecture**
**Reflections on a Life of Purpose**
Former Australian Prime Minister, the Hon. Julia Gillard
Moderator: Prof. Sharon Pardo, Chair, Department of Politics and Government and The Centre for the Study of European Politics and Society

**W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall**

7:30 p.m.
**Conferment Ceremony of Honorary Doctoral Degrees** upon:
Prof. Linda B. Buck, USA
Hon. Julia Gillard, Australia
Prof. Eric S. Lander, USA
Ellen S. Marcus, USA
Prof. Stanley B. Prusiner, USA
Carole and Marcus Weinstein, USA

**Joya Claire Sonnenfeldt Auditorium**
The ceremony will be followed by a reception in the Udi Garden
Wednesday, May 17, 2017

9:00 a.m.  
**Travel to Sede Boqer**

10:00 a.m.  
**Ceremony Marking the Establishment of the Center for Israel Studies**  
in the presence of Danna Azrieli, Chair, Azrieli Group and Azrieli Foundation Israel  
Panel: Promoting Research on Israel and Revitalizing Related Public Discourse  
Featuring research fellows from the Center for Israel Studies, Ben-Gurion  
Research Institute:  
Adi Sherzer, PhD Student  
Dr. Tanya Zion-Waldoks, Post-Doctoral Fellow  
Dr. Dvir Tzur, Researcher  
Moderator: Dr. Paula Kabalo, Director, Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the  
Study of Israel and Zionism  
*George Evens Family Auditorium*

11:30 a.m.  
**Annual Review: Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research**  
Prof. Boris Zaltzman, Director  
Addresses:  
Dr. Muhammad Bashouti, Swiss Institute for Dryland Environmental and Energy Research  
Dr. Vered Tzin, French Associates Institute for Agriculture and Biotechnology of Drylands  
Dr. Edo Bar-Zeev, Zuckerberg Institute for Water Research  
*George Evens Family Auditorium*

12:30 p.m.  
**Personal Encounters and Lunch with Students from the Albert Katz International School for Desert Studies**  
Return to Hotel  
*Beer-Sheva*

4:00 p.m.  
Coffee and Refreshments  
*Leonardo Negev Hotel Lobby*

7:30 p.m.  
**Festive Closing Evening of the Board of Governors Meeting Banquet and Dance**  
*Plaza adjacent to the Jusidman Science Center for Youth*  
*(For registered participants)*  
Warm clothing recommended