

University Advisory Council  
Minutes  
December 1, 2017  
President's Conference Room  
1:00 p.m.

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**In attendance:** Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk, Dr. Liz Throop, Dr. Thomas Bowling, Ms. Denise Murphy, Ms. Kathy Snyder, Mr. John Short, Dr. Ben Norris, Chief Cindy Smith, Mr. Reid Bluebaugh, Dr. Jay Hegeman, Mr. James Kirk, Mr. Benjamin Forrest, Ms. J. Gourdin

**Absent:** Dr. Michael Flinn, Dr. Carol Gaumer, Mr. Nick DeMichele, Ms. Mykia Washington

1. Special Order of the Day – Mr. Robert Boyce and Ms. Denise Murphy presented a slide program of the new residence hall. Samples of materials such as flooring and carpet were shown. This presentation will be made available to university groups. Ground breaking will begin Spring 2018.
2. Minutes from the UAC meeting of November 2, 2017 were distributed and will be approved at the next scheduled UAC meeting.
3. Discussion of Ongoing Items:
  - a. Strategic Planning – The strategic planning task force reviewed input from several town halls and an online survey. The group of faculty, staff, and students reviewed and refined a number of action items and assigned a timeline to the items. Dr. Nowaczyk is working with the co-chairs to take the information and put the final plan together.
  - b. Update on Position Searches – Interviews will be conducted for the candidates for the Deans of Education and Dean of Business during the week of December 4-11. The “Registry” will provided interim CLAS Dean candidates with interviews held December 11, 2017. The search committee for the Vice President for Administration and Finance will

hold phone interviews with five candidates on the short list of acceptable candidates.

- c. MSCHE follow up – Dr. Nowaczyk reported that the Middle States Commission has accepted the visiting team’s recommendations and reaffirmed FSU’s institutional accreditation through 2024-2025. The information FSU provided met their expectations, and the warning status has been removed.
- d. Budget – Ms. Murphy reported that because of the short-fall we must continue with actions we have put in place to reduce costs this year. Dr. Throop reported that the winter session registration is now over with approximately 1,000 students registered. Hopefully we can maintain this enrollment.
- e. Campus Climate – Dr. Ben Norris distributed a report from the Faculty Assembly on Faculty Morale. The report was discussed and input given. Opposition on distributed to the campus community was voiced. Dr. Norris stated that contractual faculty were concerned regarding their contracts for the Spring 2018 semester. Dr. Nowaczyk suggested that Dr. Norris contact Dr. Throop to clarify.
- f. Campus coping – Mr. Troy Donoway distributed and shared data on printer data for lab and library printers. The report showed a small percentage of individuals are abusing printing. More data will be presented at a future meeting.

#### 4. New items:

- a. Facilities Information – Ms. Murphy distributed information on salt usage and snow accumulations from 2001 thru 2017. Mr. John Brewer will be the contact person for decisions on delays and closings with decision made by 5:00 am. Facilities will be cutting back on salt usage. This cut back will hopefully help fiscally. The windmill and solar panels were discussed. In preparation for replacing the Fuller House roof, the solar panels that are currently located on the roof will be relocated to the SERF building. Because the windmill and solar panels are part of the

Wind and Solar Energy Hybrid Generation System, the windmill will also be relocated to the SERF building. During this relocation process, the windmill will have to be rebuilt due to a failure of the bearings.

- b. Budget discussion from Regents' Retreat – Dr. Nowaczyk distributed information from the USM Board Retreat regarding the USM's Financial Model.
- c. UAC Committee members will be polled for possible meeting dates for the spring 2018 semester.

5. Other items:

- a. Dr. Norris reported that department chairs and advisors have been sharing frustrations from registration holds applied to students in PAWS much later this semester. They are concerned that this may negatively impact retention. It was reported that Brady Health holds went out much later. Dr. Nowaczyk expressed that we must do a better job next semester identifying these students and get the information into the BEACON system.

6. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.