

University Advisory Council  
Minutes  
Thursday, October 18, 2018  
3:00 p.m.

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In attendance: Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk, Dr. Liz Throop, Mr. Leon Wyden, Dr. Thomas Bowling, Mr. Al Delia, Dr. Ben Norris, Dr. Mike Flinn, Chief Cindy Smith, Ms. Stacey Utley-Bernhardt, Mr. Benjamin Forrest, Ms. Jenna Puffinburger, Ms. Emma Duncan

Excused absence: Mr. John Short, Dr. Jay Hegeman, Dr. Carol Gaumer, Mr. Brad Nixon, Ms. Arlene Cash

1. Meeting was called to order by Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk
2. Introduction of Committee members
3. Minutes from September 28, 2018 UAC meeting approved
4. Brief updates from Governance Groups:
  - a. Staff Senate – Ms. Stacey Utley-Bernhardt reported that a survey will be coming out shortly to measure the effectiveness of shared governance to those employees not covered by the union. Discuss was held on the need for services of an ombudsperson. A proposal is planned for early spring.
  - b. SGA – Mr. Benjamin Forrest reported that a video is being made and will be available online on the “Bobcat Statue”. The goal for the statue is \$7,000. Discussion was held on the closing of the library on the weekend.
  - c. Faculty Senate – Dr. Ben Norris reported briefly on the Faculty Concern Committee and the Faculty moral survey. An update was given on the progress of the Excellence in Academic Advising (EAA) Initiative.
5. Cabinet-Level updates:
  - a. Academic Affairs – Dr. Liz Throop reported that the AAAC meeting will be held at FSU on October 30, 2018. The Dean of CLAS search is underway with a total of 90 applications received. The Enhancement Fund request has been submitted and the McNair scholar program will be on campus. Dr. Throop will be visiting with each academic department regarding the “Vision of the University”.
  - b. Administration & Finance – Mr. Leon Wyden reported that the D2 Transition Team is moving forward with application due by February 1, 2019. With the scholarship model being prepared. The beverage contract has been awarded to “Coca-Cola” which provided the greatest economic benefit to the university with the lowest cost to the consumer. Cambridge Hall is now off-line and the basement in Guild has been cleared. An industrial hygienist firm has been brought in to determine the level of mold remediation that is needed. The future of Cambridge Hall is to be determined. Dr. Norris asked if an air quality report is available. Mr. Wyden reported that the report is available in his office.

- c. Regional Development – Mr. Al Delia discussed the possibility of a regional autonomous vehicle initiative in the Frostburg area. Mr. Delia is working on developing community partnerships for the benefit of the community. It was noted that the Office of Sponsored Programs will be under the responsibility of Mr. Delia.
  - d. Student Affairs – Dr. Thomas Bowling gave a brief update on the status of the Director of Residence Life and Counseling Center positions. The arrest that was made on Wood and Maple Street were not FSU students. Also, the Food Pantry located in the Braddock House is up and running with donations being accepted. Update on the Leadership Retreat and campus events were presented.
  - e. University Advancement – Dr. Nowaczyk reported that the Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign will begin shortly. A brief summary of some of the many campus activities scheduled during Homecoming were presented.
  - f. President’s Office – Dr. Nowaczyk presented slides of the “Campus Master Plan”. On October 11<sup>th</sup> Dr. Nowaczyk travelled with Mr. Wyden to present the “FSU Facilities Master Plan” to the Board of Regents. Presentation went very well! The question is do we renovate or replace some of the existence buildings. The possibility of a Regional Recreational Complex was discussed. Dr. Nowaczyk and the Vice Presidents have been holding meetings with student leaders and plan to continue open session with students in the residence halls. Three listening sessions are scheduled with faculty and staff.
6. Old Business:
- a. Ad Hoc Committees – Waiting for names to make appointments to the Ad Hoc Committees
  - b. Strategic Planning Initiatives update – Dr. Nowaczyk distributed a brochure on the Strategic Plan 2017-2023. Dr. Bowling noted that AIEC is looking at ways to measure initiatives.
  - c. Residence Halls & Guild Hall – Conversation was held on the future status of Cambridge Hall and Guild Hall.
  - d. Other – no topics
7. New Business:
- a. Location of Safe-Ride Vans – Mr. Ben Forrest informed the Council that the Safe-Ride Vans are presently located in the parking lot of the old University Police Headquarters lot. Due to safety concerns during the late evening hours it was decided to move the vans to the Frost lot. Col. Cindy Smith agreed with this move and the move approved.
  - b. Homecoming Events – It was noted that many events are scheduled during the Homecoming Weekend. Everyone is encouraged to attend and hope for good weather.
8. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.