

University Advisory Council
Minutes
Thursday, November 2, 2017
President's Conference Room
3:30 p.m.

In attendance: Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk, Dr. Liz Throop, Dr. Thomas Bowling, Mr. Dave Rose, Ms. Kathy Snyder, Mr. John Short, Dr. Ben Norris, Dr. Carol Gaumer, Dr. Mike Flinn, Chief Cindy Smith, Mr. Reid Bluebaugh, Dr. Jay Hegeman, Mr. James Kirk, Ms. Mykia Washington, Mr. Benjamin Forrest, Mr. Nick DeMichele

1. Meeting was called to order by President Nowaczyk. Minutes from September 29, 2017 were approved.
2. Discussion of Ongoing Items:
 - a. Strategic Planning – Dr. Thomas Bowling reported that the final meeting of the strategic planning task force met on October 27, 2017 to review input and prioritize action items. The final plan will be put together with our vision, values, themes, goals, priorities, and action items.
 - b. Update on Position Searches – Dr. Liz Throop reported that the search for a Dean of Enrollment Management has been suspended. The searches for the next Dean of Business and Education are well under way with the hope to have candidates on campus prior to the end of the fall semester. Mr. Brad Nixon will be chairing the search for the Vice President of Administration and Finance position.
 - c. MSCHE – Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk reported that the visiting team from Middle States was on campus October 11, 2017 to discuss our monitoring report regarding Standard 7, Institutional Assessment. The team commended FSU for its work on assessment and planning. They are recommending we are in compliance with the Standard and issued no follow-up recommendations. This report is a recommendation to the full Commission that will vote on FSU's reaffirmation at its November meeting. If this team's report and recommendations are accepted and endorsed by the Commission, then the "warning" to FSU will be removed. We were told to expect a written response on the commission's action in early December.
 - d. Budget – Mr. Dave Rose gave an overview of the budget revenue and the shortfall FSU is facing. The Vice Presidents have been working with faculty and staff leadership to find ways to reduce the deficit. Also, the selection of Peer Institutions for comparative analysis must be selected before the FY19 budget.

3. New items:

- a. Ombudsperson Services Resolution from USM – Dr. Thomas Bowling distributed a joint resolution which would provide ombudsperson services to students, staff and faculty at the USM institutions. Mr. James Kirk feels that students would welcome this service. The council feels this would be good for students, but not needed as much for the staff and faculty. This topic will appear on the agenda at the next USM Council of University System Presidents meeting on November 6, 2017.
- b. Campus Climate Survey – Dr. Jay Hegeman distributed the findings from an informal meeting held with a group of African American students on September 13, 2017. A total of 14 students participated in the group discussion. The university is concerned that males and students of color are not being retained and would like to hear why the students are leaving the university. More discussion will be held at the next University Advisory Council meeting.
- c. Campus Copying – Discussion was held on the large amount of student copying on campus. Between \$60 and \$75 thousand dollars is being spent on paper per year. Putting limits on copying was discussed. Mr. Kirk feels that students would be opposed to limiting copies.
- d. Right-sizing the University and what does this mean. Several UAC members gave their views on what they felt right-sizing meant from: what is the right number of students and faculty needed to run a program, scheduling of sections, streamlining a process, to looking at parking spaces and what facilities are needed. More discussion will be held.

4. Other items: none

5. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.