

University Advisory Council
Minutes
Friday, February 24, 2017
1:00 p.m. – President’s Conference Room

In attendance: Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk, Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi, Ms. Kathy Snyder, Mr. Dave Rose, Dr. Thomas Bowling, Mr. John Short, Dr. Mike Murtagh, Dr. Julie Hartman-Linck, Chief Cindy Smith, Dr. Ben Norris, Mr. Reid Bluebaugh, Ms. Jody Pifer, Mr. James Kirk, Mr. Nick DeMichele

Absent: Ms. Dasia Scott, Dr. John Bowman

1. Meeting was called to order by President Nowaczyk. Minutes from February 3, 2017 meeting were approved.

2. **Discussion of ongoing items:**
 - a. **Budget** – Mr. Rose stressed that the budget is a challenge. FTEs are down with 330 students down in the Residence Halls. We may also be looking at a \$2 million deficit for 2017. The budget for salaries is down \$1.6 million. There is a proposal for a \$300,000 cut. Dr. Nowaczyk will give testimony before the House Budget on March 1, 2017 and the Senate Budget and Taxation on March 2, 2017.

 - b. **Enrollment** – Mr. Wray Blair reported that the Admission’s staff is working very hard on recruiting for fall 2017. FSU is down in applications but strong in admits. A total of 1,800 offers have been extended. We have a lot of interest but not paid applications. Mr. Blair has charged his staff to push the applicant pool. A total of 900 “Merit Scholarships” have been offered this year. Four area receptions have been planned and admissions counselors will be in 30 high schools recruiting. Dr. Bowling suggested that Dr. Greg Wood and the Honors Program be a strong presence at the admitted student day on April 8. Mr. Blair has talked with recent Alumni to contact admits and attend the area receptions. Discussion was held about the possibility of bus

transportation for admits to tour FSU campus. Transfer numbers are up for admits. A new recruiter has been hired for transfer recruiting.

- c. **MSCHE** – Dr. Nowaczyk and Dr. Tootoonchi reported that the draft monitoring accreditation report for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education can be reviewed on-line. The Middle State team will be on campus March 30 and 31, 2017 to discuss this report. Input before that time is appreciated and valued. Feedback can be sent to Sara Beth Bittinger. A reception will be held for the Strategic Planning on Thursday night March 30 and the Middle States team will be invited to attend. The final draft will be submitted on March 1 with the report coming by the end of June 2017.
- d. **Strategic Planning** – Dr. Nowaczyk reported that 6 working groups have been formed. The Strategic Planning group will meet on Friday, March 31. The “Concept Paper” is due on March 6. Mr. Aaron Hoel is working on the planning document. Dr. Bowling gave input on the Strategic Plan.
- e. **Parking Subcommittee** – A five-member Ad Hoc Parking Subcommittee is presently being form. An upcoming meeting will be held.
- f. **UAC By-Laws Committee** – Mr. Short is in the process of putting together a draft plan
- g. **ETS Testing Center** – Dr. Tootoonchi reported that the Center must be self-supporting and can’t use state appropriated money for operation. Dr. Tootoonchi is researching the idea of a processing fee. If a processing fee is permitted it will be evaluated to see if it could be a self-sufficient entity. ETS must do the advertising for the center. Dr. Tootoonchi will report back the outcome.

3. Discussion of New Items:

- a. Committee for campus policy on chalking – Dr. Nowaczyk reported that chalking is protected by the 1st Amendment. A policy needs to be written and a committee formed. Possible committee members were

discussed. Ms. Johana Gourdin an FSU student would be a good representative on the committee also a facilities staff member would also be a good fit.

- b. Committee for Campus Policy on Installation of Items on Public Spaces – Dr. Nowaczyk feel we should have a standing committee. Recommendations for the committee can be given to Dr. Nowaczyk. Mr. Short suggested that someone from the Foundation Office be appointed. We must make sure that items on public spaces are appropriate.

4. **Other items:**

- a. Discussion was held regarding “Black Excellence Week”. This is Us: FSU Administration Forum was held on Thursday, February 23. Dr. Nowaczyk felt that good discussion was held. Three topics that were brought up by the students were: Inclusion, Black History Month, and Faculty Evaluations and Advising. Students get frustrated with advisors. They feel advisors should be mentors not schedulers. Discussion was held on faculty evaluations. BSA funding of culture events was discussed.
- b. Question was raised regarding the flooded basement in the Fuller House. Mr. Rose reported that water is coming into the house from the road and the drains must be repaired. The cost associated with the repairs were discussed.

5. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm