

University Advisory Council
Minutes
March 30, 2018
President's Conference Room
2:00 p.m.

In attendance: Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk, Dr. Liz Throop, Dr. Thomas Bowling, Ms. Denise Murphy, Ms. Kathy Snyder, Dr. Ben Norris, Dr. Carol Gaumer, Dr. Mike Flinn, Chief Cindy Smith, Dr. Jay Hegeman, Mr. Reid Bluebaugh, Mr. Nick DeMichele, Ms. Mykia Washington

Excused absence: Mr. John Short, Mr. James Kirk, Mr. Benjamin Forrest

1. Meeting was called to order by Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk
2. Minutes from March 9, 2018 were reviewed with a date change. A meeting was held on **March 9th** regarding the room/board rates with students.
3. Updates:
 - a. Budget – Ms. Murphy reported that room & board rates were approved by the Board of Regents. Undergraduate tuition for out-of-state/regional rate changed to 2.5% from fall meeting with students. Auxiliary facilities fee increased \$52 a year for full-time students. This fee hasn't increased in approximately 10 years. This was a change from the fall on the tuition & fees schedule. Ms. Murphy noted that all FSU travel must be reported in 60 days or it will be taxable.
 - b. Enrollment update – Dr. Nowaczyk reported that we are on track with enrollment from two years ago. Numbers are looking good for fall 2018.
 - c. Vice President Searches – Dr. Nowaczyk reported that Mr. Leon Wyden has accepted the position of VP for Administration & Finance and should be on board by mid-May. The VP for Regional Development and Engagement position has also been filled and a news release will be coming out shortly. Dr. Throop announced the retirement of Dr. John Bowman on July 2, 2018. Also, the search for a Vice President for Enrollment will be conducted thru a search firm and hope to be fill by August 2018.
 - d. Financial Aid Audit – Dr. Nowaczyk reported that the financial aid audit from the US Department of Education went well. It was noted that one area of non-compliance may be a clearing house problem.
 - e. Capital Budget Presentation updates – Dr. Nowaczyk testified before the state legislature in March to secure the last of the planning appropriations for the new Education and Health Sciences Building. The legislature recommended the

requested \$2 million for planning this upcoming year. The Finance Committee of the Board of Regents also approved an additional \$6 million for the new residence hall. The additional money was needed because of increased construction costs. Construction on the new residence hall will begin in the next few months.

4. Old Business

- a. University Consensual Relationship & Professional Conduct Policy – Mr. Brad Nixon presented his views on the policy with a draft policy coming out shortly. The faculty senate and the staff senate will give input.
- b. DII Feasibility Study – A feasibility study is slated to begin in May. The Mountain East Conference indicated their interest in FSU joining and expressed that the conference has been experiencing changes which might be favorable to FSU. Potential membership would not occur until fall 2019. The feasibility study will cost approximately \$5,000 and will be paid with athletics funds.
- c. Strategic Planning Action Items – Dr. Nowaczyk distributed a list of the action items with discussion held. The Vice Presidents will host listening sessions in the coming weeks to develop the specifics of the items.
- d. The Ricky Arnold “International Space Station” talk will be held on Monday, April 9. Ricky will be wearing the FSU t-shirt. The t-shirts are available in the FSU bookstore. We are expected 1,300 local students to attend.

5. New Business:

- a. Middle States Monitoring Report – A Monitoring Report Committee has been formed with Sara-Beth Bittinger taking the lead. The plan is to have a “draft” report completed before the UAC Retreat in July. The report is due September 1, 2018.
- b. Summer Retreat Date – The date for the UAC retreat is Thursday, July 19. The present UAC members are invited to attend.

6. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm