

University Advisory Council
Minutes
Friday, September 28, 2018
2:15 p.m.

In attendance: Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk, Dr. Liz Throop, Mr. Leon Wyden, Dr. Thomas Bowling, Dr. Ben Norris, Dr. Carol Gaumer, Dr. Mike Flinn, Chief Cindy Smith, Mr. Benjamin Forrest, Ms. Jenna Puffinburger, Ms. Emma Duncan

Excused absence: Mr. John Short, Dr. Jay Hegeman, Mr. Al Delia, Mr. Bradford Nixon, Ms. Stacey Utle-Bernhardt

1. Meeting was called to order by Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk
2. Introduction of Committee members
3. Minutes from **May 11, 2018** UAC meeting **approved**
4. Brief updates from Governance Groups:
 - Faculty Senate – Dr. Ben Norris gave a brief update on the Faculty Grievance Committee and Dr. Mike Flinn gave a brief update on curriculum proposals.
 - Staff Senate – Election was held with Dr. Jay Hegeman named Chair and Ms. Kim Fike named as Vice-Chair. Staff Senate Recognition Day was held on September 22 at the first home football game. All staff and families were invited. Goal was set to bring (5) nominations for the Staff Senate award.
 - SGA – Mr. Ben Forrest reported on the status of the “Bobcat Statue” to be placed at the top of the steps toward Compton Hall. Mr. Forrest is also working on an idea for organizing a “Safety Walk”.
5. Cabinet-Level Updates:
 - a. Academic Affairs – Dr. Liz Throop reported on the upcoming accreditation visit for the new Physician Assistant’s program and that FSU was ranked No. 40 for Public Schools in the Northeast Region by U.S. News and World Report with a number of individual programs also ranked by U.S. News. All faculty have been hired for the Physician Assistant’s program.
 - b. Administration and Finance – Mr. Leon Wyden reported that a water line in the area of Chesapeake Hall was broken but repaired quickly restoring water. Cambridge Hall

- was closed due to air quality issues which produced some areas of mold. Students were relocated to other residence halls. An industrial hygienist firm was brought in to determine the level of mold remediation that will be needed. The basement of Guild Center was also closed due to dampness due to the continuing rain. Money spent on Strategic Planning in 2018 was reported. A Transition Team has been formed for the move to NCAA Division II. Faculty Assembly dedicated its September 27 meeting agenda to the NCAA Division II move.
- c. Regional Development – Dr. Nowaczyk reported that Mr. Al Delia has been appointed as the Vice President of Regional Development and Engagement at FSU. This position was funded separately from the USM appropriation in Governor Hogan’s budget. Mr. Delia will work to integrate University resources with regional partners in Western Maryland to help communities and companies in the region to be competitive and meet the challenges of economic and community development. Mr. Tim Thomas the Director of the Appalachian Regional Commission and his staff were on campus for a visit on September 26 to learn more about FSU and to share thoughts on future funding opportunities. Conversation was held regarding Western Maryland being considered as a test vehicle site.
 - d. Student Affairs – Dr. Thomas Bowling reported on a large gathering on Wood Street involving three houses. Discussions are being held with city officials to address these concerns. Talk was held suggesting a party registration form be filed for such gatherings and individuals holding the gatherings be held responsible. Dr. Bowling reported that the Leadership Retreat was a success and voter registration efforts are underway with tables set-up in Lane Center. It was reported that Ms. Lisa Clark from the Student and Community Involvement Office has been notified that she received the Civil Engagement Award.
 - e. University Advancement – Dr. Nowaczyk reported total fundraising in FY 18 was just shy of \$3.2 million an increase over FY 17 of \$3.1 million and the average of about \$2.1 million over the previous five years. A new Alumni and Foundation website has been launched. Ms. Sherry White has been appointed as the new writer/digital communication specialist. She will be managing the University’s social media and producing recruiting content and videos.
 - f. President’s Office – Dr. Nowaczyk reported that the Facilities Master Plan 2018-2028 was submitted to the Board of Regents for review. Several student group of color meetings are currently being held to address concerns. Safety concerns off-campus and the possibility of blue lights installed off-campus were discussed. Dr. Nowaczyk reported on recent administration appointment:

- Dr. Ben Brauer – Title IV Coordinator
- Dr. Arlene Cash – Vice President for Enrollment Management will be joining us starting October 10. This position was created to emphasize the importance of student success throughout the educational process of recruitment, retention and persistence to graduation.
- Mr. Al Delia – Vice President for Regional Development and Engagement
- Mr. Leon Wyden – Vice President for Administration and Finance

6. New Business:

- a. Appointment of Ad hoc Committee on Campus Chalking Policy to develop a proposed policy on the use of sidewalk chalk to be submitted by February 15, 2019 to the President for consideration by UAC.
- b. Appointment of Ad hoc Committee on the Display of Art and other Artifacts on the Outdoor Campus to develop a policy and ongoing process for the approval of temporary and permanent displays of art, memorials and other artifacts on the outdoor spaces of campus. To seek input from the faculty and staff senates and SGA and submit the proposed policy by March 22, 2019 to the President for consideration by UAC.
- c. Strategic Planning Initiatives and update – The four Strategic Goals and twelve action items have been set. Colleen Stump has developed a webpage for each of these action items. We are also re-examining our list of peer institutions and aspirant institutions. Those lists will be shared with the faculty and staff senates and SGA. The peer schools should reflect our student body makeup and size, as well as mission.
- d. Residence Halls discussion – Several on-campus groups and university volunteers were on hand to assist in the moving of students from Cambridge Hall. The move of all students went smoothly.
- e. Location and Name for “Campus Pantry” - The name and the location of the campus pantry was discussed. Locations for possible sites were the old campus police headquarters or the Braddock House. Mr. John Brewer is working on the best location. Several names were presented: Bobcat Bridge, PAWS Pantry, and Bobcat Basics. Conversation was held on the naming of the Pantry. Col. Cindy Smith suggested that the campus develop a contest to name the pantry.
- f. Other – Dr. Norris reported on advising issues. Dr. Flinn reported that we currently have 48 applications for the Dean of CLAS position.

7. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.