

**Minutes**  
**PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL**  
**July 2, 2020**  
**8:00 am via Zoom**

**PRESENT (via Zoom Meeting):**

Dr. Brad Mortensen, President

Dr. Bret Ellis, Vice President for Information Technology

Dr. Ravi Krovi, Provost

Dr. Betsy Mennell, Vice President for University Advancement

Dr. Brett Perozzi, Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Norm Tarbox, Vice President for Administrative Services

Ms. Adrienne Andrews, Assistant Vice President for Diversity

Ms. Sherri Cox, Executive Assistant

Dr. Timothy Herzog, Faculty Senate Chair

Ms. Stephanie Hollist, Deputy General Counsel

Mr. Luke Jenkins, Staff Advisory Council Chair

Mr. Steven Richardson, Director of Strategic Initiatives

Dr. Eric Amsel, Associate Provost

Mr. John Kowalewski, Executive Director, Marketing and Communications

Meeting Minutes (June 3, 2020)

Accreditation Update  
(Ravi Krovi & Eric Amsel)

Face Covering Marketing  
Campaign (Betsy Mennell  
& John Kowalewski)

1. The meeting convened at 8:00 a.m. President Brad Mortensen welcomed attendees.
2. President's Council Members approved minutes from the June 3, 2020, meeting.
3. Provost Ravi Krovi and Dr. Eric Amsel gave an update on accreditation:
  - a. The Northwest Accreditation self-study report is due summer of 2021 and requires two focuses: Standard 1 and Standard 2. Standard 2 contains 9 components.
  - b. Standard 2 is largely the same as 2014, but responses need verifying and updating. Reviewers will be asked to review and update standards to meet the 2021 standard, consider the alignments of the new 2021 and the old 2010 standards and where applicable, the new current 2020 standards.
  - c. Standard 2 components and reviewers were outlined from each department area.
4. Vice President Betsy Mennell and Mr. John Kowalewski discussed a Face Coverings Marketing Campaign for campus, which included:
  - a. A WSU video including well known WSU personalities promoting their reasons for wearing a face covering on campus. The video will be shared on social media and any screens on campus.
  - b. The Louis Moench statue will wear a customized face covering, as well as wildcat statues on campus.
  - c. A face coverings webpage will be created listing information, the governor's executive order, guides, and where to obtain free face coverings.
  - d. Window clings will be made for office windows.
  - e. Posters with messages to campus on wearing face coverings will be displayed.
  - f. A contest promoting posting selfies on social media and why folks wear a face covering will be conducted.
  - g. Lucid press images will be created as templates that facilities can customize and print out for specific locations.

Discussion included wearing face coverings properly with a suggestion of showing examples of this in the videos being produced. Other discussion included needing to address how to deal with those who may not

Utah Board of Higher Education Update (Brad Mortensen)

be able to wear face coverings, and avoid negative repercussions.

5. President Brad Mortensen gave an update on Utah Board of Higher Education topics. Highlights included:
  - a. Dave Woolstenhulme appointed as the new commissioner, with Geoff Lanward as deputy commissioner. Harris Simmons as chair, Nina Barnes and Aaron Osmond appointed as vice chairs.
  - b. There are now four committees instead of three: Finance and Facilities, Academic Education, Student Affairs, and Technical Education.
  - c. Adoption of all of the existing Regent and UTEC policies took place giving the commissioner and staff the ability to renumber and make corrections as needed.
  - d. Many new position appointments were made in the reorganization of the board.

CARES Act Emergency Funding (Brett Perozzi & Betsy Mennell)

6. Vice Presidents' Brett Perozzi and Betsy Mennell discussed Student Emergency Funding from CARES and private sources. A spreadsheet with summary information from two different funding pools was provided listing statistics. 1561 students (1438 eligible) applied for \$650,000. All students that were eligible were awarded the full funding amount they requested (they could request up to \$500).

UETN CARES Allocation (Bret Ellis)

7. Vice President Bret Ellis discussed UETN CARES Allocation. WSU was awarded \$6.4 million to be used for IT upgrades, division requests and costs to be used by Dec. 30, 2020. Vice President Ellis feels that more funding is needed to meet the university's needs and will be requesting a higher amount at a meeting later today.

SAC Bylaws and Changes (Brett Perozzi & Luke Jenkins)

8. Vice President Brett Perozzi and SAC Chair, Mr. Luke Jenkins, discussed SAC Bylaws and Changes to PPM 3-38b. Bylaw changes included increasing representatives on the council by two, one for growth and balance and one to have the chair represent all staff. Other discussion relating to staff pertained to the grievance process WSU has in place if needed.

Approval

Changes to bylaws and PPM 3-38b were approved by President's Council.

Other

9. Other items addressed by President's Council included the enrollment gap, which is currently at -5.2% with the COVID-19 situation.

Upcoming Events

10. Upcoming Events were included in the packet without discussion.

Meeting Adjourn

11. With no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.