

Minutes
PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL
June 26, 2019

PRESENT:

President Brad Mortensen

Vice President Brett Perozzi

Provost Madonna Miner

Asst. Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer, Adrienne Andrews

Ms. Jackie Shafer, SAC Chair

Dr. Timothy Herzog, Faculty Senate Chair

Ms. Shelly Bellflower, Director, Academic Technology, proxy for Vice President Bret Ellis

Mr. Mark Halverson, Assoc. Vice President for Facilities & Campus Planning, Proxy for Vice

President Norm Tarbox

Ms. Sherri Cox, Recorder

Minutes

Higher Education
Academy

1. The meeting convened at 8:00 a.m. President Brad Mortensen welcomed attendees.

2. President's Council Members approved minutes from the May 22, 2019, meeting.

3. President Mortensen addressed President's Council on the Higher Education Academy. UVU has an interesting program with three distinct differences:

- a. An application and selection process rather than open enrollment process.
- b. The academy is spread out over the year, once a month, rather than 8 weeks in a condensed time period.
- c. UVU takes trips to the capitol and offers a one day offsite retreat.

Discussion included pros and cons of WSU's Higher Education Academy. Some like the open enrollment process, most would like more training and opportunities for leadership training. A suggestion was made for HR to offer more training in this area including dealing with issues, communication barriers, etc. President Mortensen would like to see the academy more WSU focused with professional development opportunities. Attending the capitol gives people the opportunity to become more comfortable in that environment.

Provost Search Process Update

4. Vice President Brett Perozzi gave an update on the Provost search process. Advertising is underway for the position. The search committee is working on criteria and the weighting system for applicants. Ms. Shelly Bellflower from IT, reminded everyone that Zoom is the system we need to use rather than Skype for interviews and meetings. Interviews and presentations are scheduled to take place Sept. 15-30. Vice President Perozzi offered to send out a newsletter to faculty senate with more information.

Faculty Requests

5. Faculty Requests:

- a. Early Retirement: Shawn McQuilkin, Student Affairs, Full Retirement starting 12/31/19.
- b. Recommendation for Emeritus Status: Eva Szalay, Professor Emerita of German.

Approval

The President's Council approved the faculty requests and will move them forward to the August Board of Trustees meeting.

Other

6. Other items that were discussed:

- a. The search for Dean of International Programs is progressing well. Vice President Brett Perozzi is speaking with a finalist today.
- b. The new Vice President for University Advancement is Dr. Betsy Mennell, who will start Aug. 1.
- c. Jessica Oyler has been named as Interim Assistant Vice President for Human Resources.
- d. The Director of Strategic Initiatives search is almost complete. The President's Office is waiting on a background check on the selected candidate.
- e. Shannon Sanders has joined the President's office as an Administrative Assistant.
- f. Use of space on campus including costs of hosting events, the process to share costs of using space, police services for events, etc. seems to create roadblocks for faculty to accomplish things. A method to support a myriad of programs and conferences needs to be addressed.
- g. Lime scooter program: There is not a plan to implement lime scooters on campus. An alternate transportation plan is in place to

provide more options for WSU, including a BRT timeline, which will take time and funding to complete. There will be extensive changes to some sidewalk, pedestrian traffic and drive routes, etc. on campus. Six to seven electric buses are planned. Anticipated completion is fall 2022.

Upcoming Events

7. Upcoming Events were looked over with no discussion.

Meeting Adjourned

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