

**Minutes**  
**PRESIDENT’S COUNCIL**  
**Aug. 21, 2019**

**PRESENT:**

President Brad Mortensen  
Vice President Bret Ellis  
Provost Madonne Miner  
Vice President Brett Perozzi  
Vice President Norm Tarbox  
Ms. Adrienne Andrews, Asst. Vice President of Diversity & Chief Diversity Officer  
Ms. Amy Huntington, Staff Advisory Council Chair  
Mr. Casey Bullock, Registrar  
Mr. Steven Richardson, Director of Strategic Initiatives  
Dr. Timothy Herzog, Faculty Senate Chair  
Mr. Richard Hill, General Counsel  
Ms. Sherri Cox, Recorder

**EXCUSED:**

Vice President Betsy Mennell

Minutes

Graduation Term for  
Summer Graduates

Approval

Rental Fees Charges to  
Outside Groups

1. The meeting convened at 8:00 a.m. President Brad Mortensen welcomed attendees.
2. President’s Council Members approved minutes from the July 17, 2019, meeting.
3. Provost Madonne Miner introduced Mr. Casey Bullock, Registrar, who discussed graduation terms for summer graduates. Names will be added to spring and fall commencement so students can participate in either. Students need to apply in order to be eligible and complete the application process. This will simplify the process and allow students that move away the opportunity to participate in commencement.

The President’s Council approved the implementation of changes fall 2019 semester.

4. Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Timothy Herzog, discussed rental fees charged to outside groups, including: pros and cons associated with costs, police presence costs, alternate funding models to explore, and resources to fund programs. He shared examples of situations for reference. A discussion ensued with a suggestion to add rental fees to a priority list that would compete with other priorities. A policy change may be

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|  | needed. Education campus-wide was encouraged to deter misconceived perceptions.  |
| Decision   | An informal meeting will take place between Provost Miner, Vice President Perozzi, and Dr. Herzog to discuss this further before any action is taken.  |
| Faculty Senate and the University's Committee System         | 5. Provost Madonna Miner discussed the university's committee system. Some committees have been discontinued while some still exist. An updated list needs to be created to show current committees, as well as tracking those who serve on committees.  |
| Decision   | Director of Strategic Initiatives, Steven Richardson, has been asked to look into older documents and PPM's concerning WSU committees. Faculty Senate will look into better organization of this.  |
| Re-UP Recruitment of Stop-Out Students                       | 6. Provost Miner introduced a program called Re-UP which provides services to recruit students who have left the university without completing a degree and have been gone for at least three years, are not enrolled in other institutions, nor received a degree from another school. The Student Success Steering Committee voted and has approved moving forward with this program based on President's Council approval. Re-UP gets paid per semester and is based on student recruitment. If students don't re-enroll, we don't pay for the program. |
| Approval   | The President's Council proposed an approved trial of a three year contract with Re-UP.  |
| Joint CIO/CAO Meeting Report and Diamond Diagram Explanation | 7. Vice President Bret Ellis reported on the recent CIO/CAO meeting he attended. A diamond diagram was shown to illustrate a common template for all institutions to follow. The focus was on credentials and career connections. Concerns included: continued use of Ellucian Banner system, many different CRM systems in place on campus with a need for uniformity. Keeping changes updated with both personnel and donor information. Advances in analytics are positive and working well.  |
| TIAA CREF Changes  | 8. Vice President Norm Tarbox addressed changes coming to TIAA CREF this fall. A consultant has  |

been hired to recommend updates. The number of funds provided has been reduced, criteria includes: performance, risk statistics, and fees charged for participation in funds. There are offered improvements for employees who participate. The changes are all positive. The Investment Committee has approved these investment changes for employees. Communication of changes needs to be sent to university employees this fall.

#### Big Sky E-Sports Launch

9. President Mortensen addressed the e-Sports movement, which was discussed at the Big Sky Conference in May, 2019. A committee is working on expanding this program to compete with other institutions. This could become a recruitment tool. As a club sport, e-sports is not considered to be an Athletics Department responsibility, but a Campus Recreation Club responsibility.

#### Education Braintrust Meeting Report

10. President Mortensen reported on the Education Braintrust Meeting he hosted which included Ogden, Weber and Davis superintendents, as well as the two technical college Presidents. Discussion included tax reform, higher education strategic plans, collaboration on the K-16 Initiative. All were willing to work together. An apprenticeship program from the Governor's office was also discussed, which included good conversation.

#### 9-11 Commemoration

11. A 9-11 Commemoration will take place with the bell tower scheduled to toll eleven times at 9:00 am and flags to be displayed on the grass area running down the middle of the walkway.

#### Other

12. Other items that were discussed:
  - a. A legislative audit was reported on with claims that colleges are deceptive in getting funding for buildings. WSU was mentioned in an article, claiming we inflate our attendance by using online enrollment statistics and were deceptive in our presentation on our needs. However, WSU was not mentioned in the audit itself. The article was based on conversation at a meeting that was not factual.
  - b. NUAMES students have reported experiencing issues with their meal cards for

concurrent enrollment students. Student Services is working on a fix for this. However, the students were notified that their cards would not work for a period of time at the start of the year.

- c. Is there an opportunity for faculty input on building improvements?
- d. An interview with Emmett White, one of Sark's Boys, went well. There will be an opportunity in the future for a reunion of Sark's Boys. The Youngberg Center is spectacular.

Upcoming Events

13. Upcoming Events were looked over without any additional discussion.

Meeting Adjourn

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