Presidents’ Meeting with the Board and Chancellor


Absent: Eleanor Baker, Jean Flahive, Susan Gendron and Kevin McCarthy.

Trustee Wishcamper called the meeting to order

Theodora Kalikow, UMF
- March & April are busy months on the campus
- The campus has had some issues with tenure decisions
- The campus Long Term Planning Process is underway and there has been a bit of “what if” panic as a result of the process

Selma Botman, USM
- She stated the campus climate has been described as “Disequilibrium”
- The campus Reorganization Process is underway in order to save money to reinvest it in core operations and not administration

Robert Kennedy, UM
- The campus is excited about the hockey team wins
- He thanked the Board for approving the UM Forest Bioproducts Research Institute
- The campus has started the Academic Review Process to look at the academic priorities and as a result people are worried about their jobs

Cynthia Huggins, UMM
- The campus is focused on enrollment growth and building a vision for the future
- UMM has a balanced budget for this year and is on target to balance the budget for next year as well
- UMM is developing a few two year Associate Degrees that are not offered at the Community College

Donald Zillman, UMPI
- The campus is currently working on non-academic decisions
- UMPI is developing a couple of two year Associate Degrees which will be a recruitment tool for the four year programs
- The campus is looking forward to getting the Noel Levitz data
- UMPI & UM are work on a renewable energy collaboration
Richard Cost, UMFK
- The stress level on campus is very real but there is also an increased level of creativity
- UMFK President search went well and the campus trusts the leadership of Trustee Fournier and thanked all three Trustees that served on the Search Committee
- Expanded the UMFK Administrative Cabinet a couple of year ago to include Division Chairs and the reconfigured Cabinet continues to work well
- The current focus on campus includes enrollment management and academic program reviews
- UMFK student inquiries and applications are up 30%
- UMFK has a new two year Associates Degree in Information Security
- Campus has reviewed the number of existing committees and is reducing the number

Allyson Handley, UMA
- Non-traditional population has increased
- The campus is working on the Scenario to Strategies component of their Strategic Plan
- A 10% across-the-board budget reduction scenario has been developed
- Enrollments are up at UMA
- A few project funding grants have been submitted to assist with the renovation of the Gannett Building
- Dean’s role at UCB has changed to be involved in more community relations
- The scheduled visit from Maya Angelou is gaining momentum

Risk Management
Trustee O’Leary asked the Presidents what they are doing on their campuses to keep track of maintenance issues and safety to deduce risks. President Cost commented that the bond issue, if passed, may help and they have monthly emergency management team meetings. President Kennedy stated that the risk management area will not be impacted by budget reductions. Trustee Wishcamper suggested the Audit Committee review the Risk Management Dashboard and report back to the Board.

Sprinkler Projects
Trustee Johnson inquired about the status of the two remaining residence hall sprinkler projects which are at UM. President Kennedy commented that these are the last two projects and additional campus funding was needed to bring those buildings up to standards. One of the two, Estabrooke Hall, is not in use while they are assessing a possible public-private partnership for its renovation and future use. Pending the results the sprinkler project it will be completed.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
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