

Approved Minutes – September 9, 2013
University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley Board of Trustees

Trustees Present: Tom Widener, Kevin Sturn, Nancy Barker, Joy Hagen. Others Present: Jim Eagon, David Staerkel, Susan Locke, Juli McGuire, Bill Gillard

1. Chair Widener called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
2. Public comment. None.
3. Trustee Hagen moved and Trustee Barker seconded approval of minutes for the meeting held August 12, 2013. The motion was unanimously by approved by voice vote.
4. The Trustees reviewed the bills dated 09/05/13 totaling \$5,057.43. Trustee Sturn moved and Trustee Barker seconded to approve payment of the bills. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.
5. Budget Report – Monthly budget report dated 04-Sep-13 reflects expenses and projects under way.
6. Facilities Report – Mr. Eagon distributed a consultant's roof plan which identifies all 69 distinct roof areas and a cost projection for areas needing repair. Mr. Eagon noted that roof repair is included in the Capital Improvement Plan for both counties. The Trustees recommended that the campus pursue a cost advantage from bidding necessary roof repairs as one project, or perhaps an alternate proposal to withhold only area 5 for a future budget period. The Trustees felt this was a better approach than having to come back to ask for additional funds due to increasing construction costs and/or to deal with emergency roof repairs. There is likely to be a cost advantage the sooner the project is able to proceed, especially if approved to proceed in 2013. Mr. Eagon will provide more information at Winnebago County meetings of Property and Finance and the County Board.
7. Dean's Report –
 - Kick off to the Academic Year: UWFox held a comprehensive array of activities to kick off the 2013-14 academic year including a campus retreat at Bubolz Nature Preserve that included a discussion of the proposed 2013-15 UW System budget and group discussion of various campus services to support the academic program. UWFox hosted the UW Colleges Convocation with approximately 500 faculty and staff from across the state assembled for a presentation by Chancellor Cross and academic/business meetings.
 - Human Services Collaborative Degree: We are working on getting a new set of marketing materials to agency partners through the United Way Fox Cities. We have a new cohort of students taking UW Oshkosh classes with us, and look to increase this for Spring 2014.
 - Enrollment: After a major push with enrollment in August, Dean Rudd reports fall enrollment at 1196 FTE students enrolled for Fall 2013, only slightly (<1%) lower than last year and very close to our self-determined "1200 FTE" target. This is a superb achievement by all those involved in recruitment and retention, especially Student Affairs. We saw strength in our returning student numbers (retention) but lower than expected freshman enrollments (recruitment) aligned with slowly declining high school enrollments in some parts of our recruitment/service area.
 - UWFox Budget in the 2013-15 Biennium: Recent presentations by the Chancellor and information that has been received by our budget office indicate that the UW Colleges is facing a \$2.3M cut to the base budget (and ongoing) in the 2013-15 biennium. This is part of a \$62 million budget reduction to the University of Wisconsin System, the largest base budget cut in the history of the UW System. A portion of the reduction to the FY14 amount is being addressed with UW Colleges reserve funds – a one-time source of funds. An additional \$48,000 is required from UWFOX, also to be addressed with campus reserves. The more devastating cuts will need to be planned now for FY2015 (\$2.3 million for the Colleges, as much as \$222,000 at UWFox). It will start with the planning of the 2014-15 curriculum and will continue through the budget planning process in February and March. UW System Board of Regents met with key legislators to begin to regain trust and transparency in shared information. This will go some way to determine whether a much needed "budget repair bill" to address these budget cuts can be worked out next year. But until the optimism amounts to something real, we will examine all options to permanently reduce our campus budget by as much as \$222,000. The Trustees expressed concerns that the UW Colleges could do a better job of getting out its message about what it brings to the State and the consequences of not supporting the local university system. Put another way, we need to emphasize the importance of this institution so we aren't continually being asked to "shoot for the bottom."
 - UWFox Energy Project: Dean Rudd received more information about the UWFox Energy Project. Mr. Gill Funk from the State Bureau of Architects and Engineers has been available as a contact. Comments from the state to the contracted engineering company (Honeywell/ESG) were presented in August. Kosh Samuel from Honeywell/ESG indicated that "*We did indeed receive the list, but have crafted our response and will have it submitted on Tuesday. Our goal is to have your project on the October BoR. Once the responses are back in DFD's hands I intend to reach out to Greg Wanek at System to give him the heads-up so he can put it on the BoR agenda.*" It would appear as though the channels are re-open and that the project is proceeding.
8. The next meeting of the Trustees will be Monday, October 14, 10:30 a.m., in Room 1706.
9. Trustee Sturn moved and Trustee Hagen seconded approval to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

T. Widener, Chair; J. McGuire, Recorder