

**Approved Minutes – December 10, 2012**  
University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley Board of Trustees

Trustees Present: Tom Widener, Dick Gosse, Nancy Barker

Others Present: Jim Eagon, Evan Kreider, David Staerkel

1. Chair Widener called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
2. Public comment. None.
3. Trustee Gosse moved and Trustee Barker seconded approval of minutes for the meeting held November 12, 2012. The motion was approved by voice vote.
4. The Trustees reviewed the bills for the 2012 budget listed on the summary report to Winnebago County dated 12/07/12. Trustee Gosse moved and Trustee Barker seconded to approve payment of the bills totaling \$10,980.69. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.
5. Budget Report – The year to date budget was reviewed. Mr. Eagon indicated that he anticipates requesting carry over funding from the building maintenance line item for the major roof repair that was approved for this year, but was put on hold to allow the campus to fund an urgent replacement of the water main.
6. Facilities Report – Mr. Eagon gave an update on the investment grade audit for energy conservation project. As reported in November, final approval for state funding of energy audit recommendations will be made by the State Division of Facilities Development later, in March or April. Mr. Eagon indicated that items will be viewed favorably if the payback period is less than 16.07 years. Replacement of the 1959 boilers included in the counties' capital improvement plan is also included in the energy audit for replacement.

The project, as currently developed, will seek funding of approximately \$1.7 million from the State for building and equipment upgrades and replacement. This represents improvements to the counties'-owned campus facilities at no additional cost to the counties.

Trustee Gosse moved and Trustee Barker seconded to endorse the energy conservation measures to be funded by the State of Wisconsin. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Presentations to county committees and board will be scheduled as needed. With approvals from the counties, UW and State, the project will begin in the spring of 2013 and be completed in 2014.

7. Dean's Report – Dean Rudd was unable to attend the meeting of the Trustees, but provided a written report (attached) on several topics including the investment grade audit for energy conservation, the UW Flexible Option Degree, Human Services Leadership Degree, and the Inclusive Excellence Summit.
8. The next meeting of the Trustees will be Monday, January 14, 10:30 a.m., in Room 1706.
9. Trustee Gosse moved and Trustee Barker seconded approval to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

T. Widener, Chair; J. Eagon, Recorder

Investment Grade Audit for Energy Conservation: Members of the Sustainability Committee and myself met with Kosh Samuel for the first of two parts of an outline of the results of the energy audit on campus. At present the projects are in a “holding pattern” as the state conducts a review of the efficiencies that are being reported. With two campuses (Washington County and Rock County) ahead of us, they will provide the litmus test for moving the projects through the state approval process to the Board of Regents. The first part of the report prepared for us went through the various parts of the campus building (e.g. different additions) and identified the main items where savings will be made. For instance, the project engineer, Scott Jones, identified significant short term savings in water use (bathrooms mainly) and lighting (moving to state approved fixtures). The second part of the meeting (next week) will precisely identify the projects that we (as a campus) want to undertake, with the help of the counties, to meet the minimum payback time of 16.07 years. Essentially we can “package” different features that we want, including enhanced controls (less time for Buildings and Grounds for maintenance), and various electrical additions to meet our needs and provide best use of the capital outlay from Outagamie and Winnebago Counties.

UW Flex Option Degree: It was a busy week with the Flexible Option Degree. Late last month, UW Colleges and UW-Milwaukee launched the degree at a press conference attended by the Chancellors and System President Kevin Reilly. It was followed by a Fox 11 TV interview for me, an interview with the Post Crescent and two radio interviews (WHBY and WOSH in Oshkosh). The UW Colleges also held an institution wide town hall meeting with a consultant who previously worked at Western Governor’s University, perhaps seen as the leader in competency based degree work. Subsequent to that, Provost Lampe indicated in a message to Chairs, Steering Committee Chairs and Deans the following points that I wanted to share with you:

- The UW Colleges academic departments have identified 25 courses for development from a face-to-face to a Flexible Option format.
- All but two academic departments will be engaged in developing instructional materials (competencies, assessments, and instructional support materials) for the Flexible Option program.
- The UW Colleges Flexible Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree Committee, which is composed of twelve faculty members (3 faculty members from each division and 1 department chair from each of the three divisions), will continue to lead the UW Colleges efforts to develop a Flexible Option program. Provost Greg Lampe is chairing the committee. Dave Brigham, the UW Colleges Director of Distance Education, also serves on the committee.
- Currently, the UW Colleges is focused on developing instructional materials for general education liberal arts courses offered within the freshman and sophomore year. Ultimately, the UW Colleges will need to explore providing the Associate of Arts and Science degree in a Flexible Option format. The UW Colleges Flexible Associate of Arts and Science Degree Committee will guide these efforts.
- The most pressing need currently facing the UW Colleges academic departments is the need for professional development in the curricular design of the Flexible Option model. To that end, a UW Colleges-wide Town Hall Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 28. The Town Hall Meeting featured a curriculum consultant, Patricia Neely, an expert in the curricular design elements of competency-based, self-paced model. It is important to note that this is only the first step towards providing professional development to faculty members committed to converting face-to-face courses to a Flexible Option format. It is also important to note the UW Colleges Flexible Associate of Arts and Science Degree Committee identified professional development in curricular design of the Flexible Option as the number one priority for developing a Flexible Option program in the UW Colleges.
- Provost Greg Lampe is currently working with UW-Extension Interim Provost Aaron Brower on a coordinated resource request from UW System. We are also drafting a proposed plan/timeline for support and competency/assessment development. I plan on sharing our work with the UW Colleges Flexible Associate of Arts and Science Degree Committee at our next meeting. Please know that Provost Lampe is very aware that compensation is an area of major concern for our faculty members committed to developing competencies and assessments. Additionally, please know that the Provost is working on securing resources to compensate faculty members/academic departments for the Flexible Option work ahead.

Human Services Leadership Degree (with UW Oshkosh) and act! program: I traveled with Bill Bultman to UWFDL for a meeting of Deans / Associate Deans who are involved in the collaborative degree in HSL that is starting (ahem...) in Spring 2013, rather brought forward a semester compared to our original plans! The degree will attract both traditional and non-traditional students (including degree seeking community members, perhaps from area non-profits). The first three classes will be offered this Spring in a compressed video format across the participating campuses (SHB, MAN, FDL, FOX, WSH). Even with little fanfare so far (and no advertising, because of the supposed problems of scheduling) Fox has had several enquiries about the degree. A more complete launch will be coming in the Spring. Last week University Relations Directors and Advisors from MNT, SHB, FDL and MAN attended a comprehensive information session designed to "spread the word" of act! (Alternative Careers in Teaching) through a marketing plan.

Inclusive Excellence Summit: Several UWFox staff members (Pat Alger, Christina Cavaco, Andi Butler) and some students from the Writing Pad attended a one day Inclusive Excellence Summit at UW-Rock County that was funded by a small exploratory grant from UW Colleges (in fact since then a small group is now planning a second grant opportunity). The event introduced about 40 participants to some different methods of engaging groups in inclusive dialogues. We heard from three quite different presentation teams around the country and the ways in which they tackle engaging campus groups in inclusive planning and engagement.

Lunch with Students: I held a successful and informal (judging by attendance and questions!) lunch with students where they had a chance to pepper me with questions and concerns that they have. More than 40 students were in attendance and I heard concerns about parking, use of the Union and Emeritus Room for events, book vouchers. I plan to do another lunch in the spring.