

**Approved Minutes - November 11, 2013**  
University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley Board of Trustees

Trustees Present: Tom Widener, Joy Hagen, Susan Locke. Others Present: Martin Rudd, Jim Eagon, David Staerkel, Juli McGuire

1. Chair Widener called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
2. Public comment. None.
3. Trustee Hagen moved and Trustee Locke seconded approval of minutes for the meeting held September 9, 2013. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.
4. The Trustees reviewed the bills dated 10/17/13 totaling \$22,004.57. Trustee Locke moved and Trustee Hagen seconded to approve payment of the bills. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.
5. The Trustees reviewed the bill summary dated 11/08/13 totaling \$14,773.12. Trustee Hagen moved and Trustee Locke seconded to approve payment of the bills. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.
6. Budget Report – Monthly budget report reflects expenses and projects under way.
7. Facilities Report – Mr. Eagon reported on items needing attention and how he would recommend funding these items next year: At the junction of the CAC and the 1800 wing, the operation of the automated door where a fire stop needs to be is impeded by air pressure caused by the adjoining hallways; the heat recovery control unit in the CAC will be replaced affording better protection for the unit from dust particles which damage the unit causing it to malfunction; the 30-year-old exterior wall to the library will be examined to determine what type of work is needed because the wall has degraded and is attracting birds attempting to nest inside the wall.
8. Dean's Report –
  - Enrollment: Fall enrollment data indicates 1756 students are enrolled here with 1205 full time equivalents, marginally lower than in 2012 (1%).
  - Budget: The UW Colleges has entered into the 2013-15 biennium with some significant cost cutting to do, even in an institution where “lean and efficient” have been key mantras for years. Essentially “cash on hand” is being used by the Institutional Office to offset FY14 budget reductions. However, more seriously, the UW Colleges face a \$2.3M budget reduction for FY15 (1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015, and ongoing). A two pronged approach has developed ahead of determining exactly what each campus may need to do to reduce its budget:
    - Repositioning Task Force – an assembled group of faculty, staff, student government and senior administrators from the Institutional Office are charged to “*identify recommendations to: reduce \$2.3 in base expenses while maintaining enrollments, reallocate \$1.9 million over four years in order to liberate additional funding for salary improvements, and grow revenues that could potentially offset reductions.*” This group will be reviewing the work of the consulting group (below) and making recommendations to the Chancellor.
    - Huron Consulting Group – a professional consulting group who have worked with several UW System institutions previously. Their work is to identify institutional cost savings that could be achieved through efficiencies, and will be categorized as potentially saving >\$1M over 4 years or <\$1M over 4 years.
      - A website has been set up to receive suggestions on efficiencies from faculty, staff and students.
      - We expect a report from the consultants in mid-November and information from the Chancellor in early 2014. At that time, we expect to know the dollar amount to be reduced at the campus.
  - Campus Visits: Last week, we had an annual visit from Chancellor Cross, Provost Lampe and other senior administrators from the Institutional Office. They met with the Dean and with faculty/staff over lunchtime and with students (each for an hour). Earlier in October, we hosted our new Board of Regents “buddy,” Regent David Walsh, for his first visit to UWFox. Of special interest to Regent Walsh was the partnership that we have with the counties and the impressive array of events that we have with the community.
  - Vex Robotics League: On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November, we will (re)start a VEX Robotics league thanks to Miller Electric and Marc Couture. With funding, we have purchased a “field” that will be used by teams of robot building grade schoolers in the 1655 University Drive Building (Engineering). The league will be used to prepare teams for the Spring robotics tournaments, and following that, we hope to have a formal series of education classes for the kids.
  - Presentation at Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce PULSE Breakfast: Dean Rudd was one of four CEOs highlighted at the annual PULSE Breakfast where he had a chance to discuss the campus, highlight some initiatives and talk about the effectiveness of a great workforce of employees

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- Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy and Service (WIPPS) Conference: On 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November, UWFox hosted (and co-planned with WIPPS / Planning Committee) a 2-day public forum and professional conference entitled "It's Here: The Federal Health Insurance Marketplace in Wisconsin." We had approx. 120 people in the Communication Arts Center for a public event broadcast by Wisconsin Public Television and introduced by Outagamie County Executive, Tom Nelson (<http://wptschedule.org/bemoretunedin/?p=6033>); on Friday we hosted close to 200 healthcare professionals for a series of keynote presentations and panel discussions with around 35 national and regional experts on the Affordable Care Act. Thanks to great media connections with Red Shoes PR and Gannett, we received a lot of exposure for this unique public policy event.
- Honeywell /ESG Energy Project: This continues to take twists and turns. Having heard not such great news on Wednesday, Dean Rudd spoke with our Assistance Vice Chancellor today (Friday) who had information from the DoA that those projects that have been through the audit process would at least proceed for approval – there was a question at DoA as to whether ALL projects would get caught up in the reassessment of effectiveness that is about to happen that, at the minimum, would have delayed projects 1-2 months. It would seem, therefore, that barring any unsatisfactory answers to the second set of questions posed of Honeywell, that approval should be expected.

9. The next meeting of the Trustees will be Monday, December 9, 10:30 a.m., in Room 1706.

10. Trustee Hagen moved and Trustee Locke seconded approval to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

T. Widener, Chair; J. McGuire, Recorder