

## President's Council Meeting Notes – September 21, 2018

**1) Welcome** – Dr. Hanson welcomed Wayne Albury to his first Council meeting as Athletic Director. Also welcomed were the following staff who were attending on behalf of their supervisors today:

- Sergio Portesan for Adam Neveau
- Jari Dunekacke for Cindy Cammack
- Deb Pugh for Mason White
- Stephanie Holmes for Ellie Kunkel

Dr. Hanson noted that the purpose for these Council meetings is to disseminate information across departments. He asked all to review the “commitment” and “role” listed at the bottom of the agenda.

**2) Good News** - Several departments communicated highlights, including the following:

- Matt Thielen – The Blue Rivers transportation program is up and running. This Student Senate project (both led and funded) offers weekly rides to students wanting to visit Auburn and NE City. Not many have signed up for the Auburn trips. Most have gone on the NE City outings.
- Wayne Albury – Congratulations to Julia Zurek, the conference athlete of the week in Cross Country. This is the first Cross Country athlete recognized in this capacity in the last five or six years.
- Sergio Portesan – Shout out to the RAs on a job well done. They had 576 one-on-one conversations with their student residents in August!
- Todd Simpson – The Foundation held a very successful donor reception last night on campus. Garth & Gloria Adams met at Peru State College, and they have now been married for 50 years. They are strong supporters of the College, having contributed funds toward the new landscaping “screen” which is being installed between Facility Services and the Pit Lot. They have also donated toward the theater renovation project.
- Deb Pugh – Financial Aid has been tracking their student contacts. Between August 15 and Sept. 17, they have had 628 students visit their office!
- Kristin Buscher – She helped Deborah Solie distribute an alumni/donor history survey and they had a great response rate.
- Jesse Dorman – Reported that two area high schools have used the Oak Bowl for games this fall. They have been VERY impressed with our campus. Emily Volker echoed this as her neighbor attended a game and was quite impressed with campus!
- Stephanie Holmes – Announced a scholarship for the Praxis Core – two will be awarded in the spring. They have had good feedback on student teachers, including one placed at Minden.
- Jason Hogue – There are 160+ people registered to attend the Hall of Fame banquet tonight!
- Tim Borchers – Announced that an amazing 90% of our students have completed their first-year Mapworks survey. A similar percentage of faculty have participated in Mapworks as well.

**3) Parent/Guest Access** – Tim Borchers noted that Matt Thielen and Philip Rogers are distributing a parent newsletter that will be highlighting this information. He presented, with PowerPoint, about the Parent/Guest online access, showing how students can set up access for their parents to see financial aid information, student account info (including the ability to make a payment), and grades. Parents are assigned their own NUID and can log in anytime to help students stay on track with business aspects of their education, like reminding them to accept their financial aid, etc. Currently there are only 71 parents set up to use the Parent/Guest access plan. Deann noted that Kathy Tynon trained students on this access at new-student orientation. Deann is willing to come to your department to provide additional training.

**4) Foundation Report** – Todd Simpson was present to report Foundation updates, showing a good three-year trend in giving. This year the giving level is one of the best, including a \$300,000 estate gift they received. There is a Foundation strategic plan to compliment the College's strategic plan. The goal is to grow the endowment from \$13.5 million to \$25 million so that they can give \$1 million each year for scholarships. Some of the Foundation's other projects/goals include:

- Doubling their support to the College by 2023
- Increasing unrestricted donations by 10% over the next five years
- Creating a procedures manual for their activities
- Creating new audiences
- Cleaning up and maintaining the database
- Renovating their offices, to include the addition of a conference room (which meant updating and relocating the Peru State Times office to lower level AV Larson)

➤ **Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM)** – Dr. Hanson addressed our decrease in enrollment and noted that we need new ways to draw students to campus. SEM committee has been strategizing on this task. Jesse Dorman reported that the SEM committee is now, after working the past 14-15 months on the project, finalizing action plans for 1) academic program additions; 2) international student recruitment; 3) new athletic teams. They will be presenting their findings across campus in October and will bring a final report to President Hanson by October 23. As the committee has researched how to attain 2-5% growth, they have considered numerous areas that would be affected by the growth (i.e., dining hall, parking, class sections, and residence halls). Dr. Dorman asked the group for additional suggestions to add to this list. Feedback included:

- Classroom furniture
- Staffing in offices
- Full-time faculty
- Counselors
- Jobs on campus
- More security

Dr. Hanson noted that three years ago, there were 100 more students on campus than presently.

#### 🔄 Updates

**A Enrollment** – Dr. Jesse Dorman was excited to report that we have doubled our number of prospects and we already have 141 applications for next fall. He shared the following inquiry statistics:

- As of 8/15/17 there were 3,202 inquiries for the entire previous year
- As of 9/15/18 there were 3,314 inquiries in only one month

**B Budget** – Tammie Hart distributed and reviewed a budget handout, noting that the College will be handling current shortfall with contingencies and carryforwards. Feel free to contact her with questions at any time.

**C Facilities** – Jill McCormick announced that their department is now officially **Facility Services**, which is in line with the other state colleges. They are getting new uniforms and signage to promote this change. Jill also distributed and reviewed a handout showing the “2018 Summer Projects over \$5000”. She gave updates on the status of the theater renovation, fire alarm updating, and tree planting (30 trees were planted this week in conjunction with the student Rotaract group). Facility Services is working to get our campus reestablished in the statewide arboretum. Lastly, Jill noted how much they enjoy their department’s student workers!

**D Strategic Plan** – Dr. Hanson reported that subcommittees are being formed to address strategic plan implementation. Top priorities have been established and these groups work on those initiatives. He announced two groups that are already in progress, with one addressing funding needs for a new Student Center and the other a collaboration between the College and the City (please complete the survey you have been sent from the ImPERUing as oNE group).

#### ➤ Announcements

- Hall of Fame banquet is tonight. Mark Mathews will be inducted posthumously and will be honored additionally with a tree planting at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.
- Randy Willey announced that the auditors will be on campus next week
- Finalists have been selected in the search for a new NSCS Chancellor. Final background checks are in process and the candidates will be interviewed soon. Chancellor Carpenter has agreed to stay on until January 1. The new Chancellor should be announced by mid to late October.

**📧Future meeting dates** – Next meeting will be October 12. Regular meetings are the second Friday of each month, September-June.