

UW-RICHLAND COMMITTEE

October 16, 2017

The UW-Richland Committee met on Monday, October 16, 2017, at 12:30 p.m. in the Dean's Conference Room, located in Melvill Hall, 1200 Highway 14 West, Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Committee members present included: Bob Bellman, Melissa Burke and James Huffman and Dave Turk. Marty Brewer was absent.

Others present included: Victor Vlasak, County Clerk; Dr. Charles E. Clark, Regional Executive Officer and Dean for the Southwest Region; Dr. Tracy White, Regional Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and UW-Richland Campus Administrator; Brian Zobel, Regional Director of Facilities Planning and Management for the Southwest Region; and John Carter, HVAC Specialist.

Chairman Bellman called the meeting to order.

The County Clerk verified that the meeting had been properly noticed. Copies of the agenda were sent by either mail or email to all UW-Richland Committee members, a copy was faxed to The Richland Observer, a copy was emailed to WRCO and a copy was posted on the Courthouse Bulletin Board and County web site.

Motion by Turk, second by Huffman that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

Motion by Burke, second by Turk that the printed copies of the minutes for the September 11th meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Dr. White reported that the curriculum is being built for the next year. Faculty position requests are being developed for approval from the Chancellor to open the hire process for the math and biology faculty positions. There are ad hoc people in place for both positions.

Chairman Bellman reviewed the last financial report for the Food Service.

Zobel provided an update on the Melvill Hall Roof Replacement Project. The ballast (gravel) has been removed from the flat roofs. There are two portions of the project. The flat roof work is being completed by Pioneer Roofing and the metal portion of the roof is being completed by Madison Sheet Metal. The metal portion of the project will take two to three months to complete. Discussion followed regarding the proposed timetable for the completion of the project.

Zobel provided an update on the replacement of the Science Building Chiller Condensing Unit. The contract has been signed with Johnson Controls. The equipment has been ordered and is being manufactured. In early November, Johnson Controls will be removing the parts that they have to remove. The new equipment will be brought in and installed by the end of November. The completion of this project will take one month. The project involves the replacement of the air conditioning system for the entire building. The Freon tubes that run through the system will be upgraded so that the new system works with the old system. The building does have heat. There has been no cooling in the building since May.

Zobel reported that interviews are being held for the Custodial Lead position.

Carter provided a report of activities for September and October.

- The Wisconsin Education Fair, Alumni Brunch, Alumni Brew Fest and Burlap Olympics were held on campus;
- Large brush piles were removed from behind the wind break;
- The weight room is being repainted with the help of a recently hired painter;
- An exhaust fan was replaced in the Student Center;
- Lawn mowing continues and trees are being trimmed;
- Props are being set for the fall production in the Theater;
- A large clean up and set up was completed in the theater for the 50th Anniversary celebration.

Zobel reviewed the invoices for the months of September and October and reviewed the Outlay budget. Motion by Turk, second by Huffman that approval be given to pay the invoices totaling \$11,712.20 from the Outlay budget. Motion carried.

Zobel reported on the concrete projects. The concrete has been poured for the north stoop of the student center. The water is now pooling into the trenches. When the tubes and piping get installed, it will divert the water away from the entrance.

Zobel thanked Burke for representing the UW-Richland Committee at the budget meeting with the County's Finance and Personnel Committee.

Dr. Clark asked when would be the appropriate time to discuss with the County's Finance and Personnel Committee year two of the ten year maintenance plan. Chairman Bellman recommended that the discussions take place June, 2018. It was suggested that a progress report be made to the UW-Richland Committee and the Finance and Personnel Committee on completed projects.

Dr. Clark reviewed the proposal to restructure UW Colleges and UW-Extension to address demographic changes in Wisconsin and declining enrollment. UW System President Ray Cross is proposing merging UW Colleges with four-year institutions. The Richland and Baraboo/Sauk County campuses would be affiliated with the UW-Platteville. The proposal will be voted on by the Board of Regents at their November meeting. UW Colleges on-line would be affiliated with a part of what is now Extension. Currently there are faculty who teach both at the brick and mortar schools and on-line. Students currently enrolled will complete under the academic program that they were enrolled. Feedback can be provided at <http://go.uwsa.edu/restructurefeedback>.

The objectives of the restructuring include:

- Expanding access to higher education by offering more general education and upper-level courses at the integrated branch campuses
- Identifying and reducing barriers to transferring credits within the UW System
- Maintaining affordability by continuing current tuition levels at the branch campuses post-merger for general education courses
- Further standardizing and regionalizing administrative operations and services to more efficiently use resources
- Leveraging resources and shared talent at our institutions to get more students into and through

the educational pipeline, better aligning the university to meet Wisconsin's projected workforce needs

Motion by Huffman, second by Burke to adjourn to Monday, November 13, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.
Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

Victor V. Vlasak
Richland County Clerk