

U.W. PLATTEVILLE-RICHLAND COMMITTEE

April 12, 2021

The U.W. Platteville-Richland Committee met on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 1:15 p.m. in the County Board Room of the Courthouse, 181 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Committee members present included: Linda Gentes, Chad Cosgrove; Bob Frank, Tim Gottschall and Lee Van Landuyt.

Others present included: Victor Vlasak, County Clerk; Clinton, Langreck, County Administrator; Dr. Michael Compton, Assistant Dean for Faculty and Staff Services, University of Wisconsin-Platteville; and Angie Arneson, Food Service Supervisor.

Chair Gentes called the meeting to order.

The Clerk verified that the meeting had been properly noticed. Copies of the agenda were mailed to all U.W. Platteville-Richland Committee members, a copy of the agenda was posted on the Courthouse Bulletin Board, a copy of the agenda was faxed to The Richland Observer and a copy of the agenda was sent by email to WRCO.

Agenda - Motion by Cosgrove, second by Gottschall for approval of the agenda. Motion carried.

March 8th Minutes - Motion by Frank, second by Van Landuyt for approval of the minutes. Motion carried.

Dr. Compton reviewed the Assistant Provost Report for March.

Campus Update - The Richland Promise Scholarship, which is available to any new student enrolled full time for the full year, has been increased to \$1,200 effective immediately thanks to the Richland County Campus Foundation. The scholarship reduces tuition and fees to about \$4,500 per year. To qualify students must complete the short application, enroll in classes and be a full-time student and remain in good standing during the entire academic year. All faculty and staff that desired a vaccination have received their second dose. There are about five weeks left in the semester before final exams begin.

Dual Enrollment Academy – Classes will be offered online/synchronous statewide with some concurrent enrollment courses for students in local high schools. Students from Richland area schools will be assigned a Richland advisor.

Branch Campus Initiative Community Working Group – The Business Educational Needs Assessment Survey distribution to Community Chambers of Commerce and other community industries was discussed.

Innovation Driving Entrepreneurship Accelerator (IDEA) Hub - The IDEA Hub was funded in part by a highly competitive grant received by UW-Platteville and Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning last September. The IDEA Hub will support innovators and entrepreneurs translate ideas into action with a goal of creating more high-tech jobs and increasing economic vibrancy of Southwest Wisconsin communities.

Earl Childhood Education – The curriculum for a two-year associate degree is entering the approval process. Continuing Education is partnering with the School of Education. Funds are being

used from a UW-System Lumina Grant to staff the program at Richland and develop marketing materials. A GED program from Spanish Speakers is being examined.

Fall Semester Enrollment and Plans – Admissions are up 10 percent from last year. Confirmations are up 15.4% from last year. The New Student Experience is up 28 percent from last year. The plan is for over 75 percent of classes to be in person as long as COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed.

Hispanic Outreach – Brenda Gomez Solis is working with Chelsea Wunnicke to assemble Hispanic community listening groups to identify their needs and concerns.

International Recruitment Update – Work is underway to update the agreement with Nam Anh Education JSC. Marketing Materials and international agent agreements will be updated if necessary.

Food Service Update – Arneson presented the March 31st Financial Report and a special report on profits realized from bakery sales.

Campus Maintenance and Repair Projects

- Wallace Student Center – Quotes will be sought to do the control work. The actuators and control valves will be installed by campus facility staff. A contractor will be sought to do the control wiring. The estimated cost for parts and labor is \$10,000.00.
- Gymnasium – The tile is falling off the wall in the women’s restroom. The retiling work is estimated to cost \$6,000.00.
- Lawn – The lawn will be mowed at a higher height.
- HVAC – The new pressure switch has been installed in the Melville Furnace. The ice machine in the kitchen has been de-limed and new filters have been installed.
- Grounds – The lawns have been rolled. Weeds spraying has been completed. Washed out areas have been filled with rock and rip-rap. Bark has been placed in all of the planters.
- Buildings – Painting in the Library has been completed.
- Misc. – The junk pile has been cleaned up.

Invoices – Invoices totaling \$2,961.08 were presented for review. Motion by Gottschall, second by Frank for approval to pay the invoices from the Outlay budget. Motion carried.

Campus Loop Road Survey – The survey is complete and has been forward to Corporation Counsel.

Campus Farmland/Woodland – Jason Glasbrenner, Economic Development Director, initiated preliminary discussions regarding the possible development of housing on the site. A recently completed housing study estimates that the city and county will need in excess of 200 homes by 2030. The farmland could potentially provide space for 30 to 40 homes. The farmland has been identified as an area of high value and likely for development.

Reroofing Project – A start date for the reroofing project has not been set.

Motion by Cosgrove, second by Van Landuyt to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Victor V. Vlasak
Richland County Clerk