

U.W. PLATTEVILLE-RICHLAND COMMITTEE

May 10, 2021

The U.W. Platteville-Richland Committee met on Monday, May 10, 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, and Lee Van Landuyt. Tim Gottschall was absent.

Others present included: Derek Kalish, County Clerk; Clinton, Langreck, County Administrator; Dr. Michael Compton, Assistant Dean for Faculty and Staff Services, University of Wisconsin-Platteville; Outreach Director Melanie Platt-Gibson, University of Wisconsin-Platteville; Angie Arneson, Food Service Supervisor, and Julie Dadoun, Richland County Interim Corporate Counsel.

Chair Gentes called the meeting to order at 1:19 p.m.

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 Frank for approval of the agenda. Motion carried.

April 12th Minutes - Motion by Van Landuyt, second by Cosgrove for approval of the minutes. Motion carried.

Dr. Compton reviewed the Assistant Provost Report for May.

End-of-year Events – This week is the last week of regular classes with final exams starting next week. The annual UW-Platteville awards ceremony was held virtually. \$75,000 in scholarships was awarded to 58 continuing students. The \$1,200 Richland Promise scholarships will be awarded to new students in the coming months. Marilyn Peckham received the Wallace Award and Brandon Fetterly received the Roadrunner Award. This year's commencement will be virtual with an in-person ceremony in Richland being held we it can be done safely.

Campus Update – Dr. Compton noted the campus is here for the community and looks beautiful this time of year. Reservations for summer and fall programs are being taken with the caveat that all plans are subject to change based on the any applicable health and safety measures. Applications to the campus are still open and tours of the facilities are continuing. New billboards will be coming soon as an investment in the visibility of Richland. The WRCO monthly interview was completed and introduced Melanie Platt-Gibson as the new Branch Campus Community Outreach Director.

Fall Semester Enrollment and Plans – Applications are up 14%, admits are up 37% compared to this time in 2020, and confirms are up 27% compared to last year. New student experience is also up 67% compared to 2020 and is roughly equal to that of 2019. Plans to return to campus in full are set for the fall of 2021 and club sports are/will be available to students.

New Commitments to Richland – Marnie Dresser is working Director of Academic Outreach to find connections with schools and Melanie Platt-Gibson is working as the Director of Community Outreach to provide increased engagement with the Richland community. A survey of current students indicated a need of affordability and being close to home.

Gibson-Platt introduced herself and stated that she wants to listen and learn from each person willing to share their thoughts or ideas about the campus. She also noted that she envisions the branch campuses becoming a premier provider of items that our necessary in our world, will work on forming relationships with the local school districts, and reaching out to underserved populations.

Food Service Update – Arneson presented the April Financial Report. Arneson noted that Food Service is selling various items as a way to boost profits and that a couple of the meal sites will reopen between June and July. She also noted that due to the success of “grab and go” and hot/frozen meals additional people may be needed to execute all deliveries needed.

Campus Maintenance and Repair Projects

- Wallace Student Center – The scope of work is complete and 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 install the controller and associated wiring and programming. The estimated cost for parts and labor is \$10,000.00.
- Gymnasium – The tile is falling off the wall in the women’s restroom. Two bids have been received for the replacement of the tile: Badgerland Flooring (\$5,939.13) and Premier Sandblasting and Painting (\$5,600.00).
- Campus – Fire Protection Specialists came out to inspect the fire alarm systems. The system performed well considering its age and shortcomings. Campus facility staff will repair most of the deficiencies as they are simple repairs.
- HVAC – Repair #2 science boiler.
- Grounds – Walking trails have been cleared up debris and fallen trees and have been mowed. Wash areas have been filled in with rock and rip-rap. Bark has been placed around flowers gardens and building and mowing equipment is being prepped for use and/or serviced.
- Buildings – Plugged dryer duct was cleaned. Annual county fire inspection and quarterly fire sprinkler inspection have been completed. 5 faulty smoke detectors in Science building have been replaced.
- Misc. – The junk pile cleanup is still ongoing. All employees have received annual hazardous material handling training and a meeting about the roof has taken place.

Committee reviewed bids from Baderland Flooring (\$5,939.13) and Premier Sandblasting and Painting (\$5,600.00) to replace the tile in the bathrooms. Van Landuyt makes motion to accept the bid from Badgerland Flooring in the amount of \$5,939.13, Cosgrove seconds, motion carried unanimously.

Campus Outlay Report: The outlay report was not available for review.

Invoices – Invoices totaling \$245.00 were presented for review. Motion by Cosgrove, second by Van Landuyt for approval to pay the invoices from the Outlay budget. Motion carried.

Discussion on Developing Acreage Behind Campus – Gentes noted that she would like to move slowly on this. Compton noted that a vision of how we want to move forward needs to be determined first. Dadoun noted she would look into various aspects regarding amendment to the current lease.

Reroofing Project – Russ noted that the project may be delayed until July due to material shortages.

Motion by Frank, second by Cosgrove to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Derek S. Kalish
Richland County Clerk