

University Leadership Council Meeting Notes

January 29, 2015

Members Present: Lisa Rossbacher, Ken Ayoob, Peg Blake, Mary Hackett, Denice Helwig, Alex Hwu, Anna Kircher, Michael Le, John Lee, Joyce Lopes, Colleen Mullery, Cyril Oberlander, Steve Smith, Craig Wruck, Noah Zerbe, Jenny Zorn

Guests: Steve Karp, Melissa Meiris, UPD Chief Donn Peterson, Radha Webley

Introduction

The President introduced new University Police Department Chief Donn Peterson. He has had a career in law enforcement in Florida but was raised in Sonoma County and is thrilled to be here.

President's Report

The President updated the group on topics covered at the CSU Board of Trustees meeting earlier in the week. The system-wide philanthropic report was distributed and HSU looks very good and continues to lead in the percentage of alumni who give to the university. SFSU and HSU are the only two CSU campuses involved in green investing.

The CSU focus for federal agenda items includes enhancing campus infrastructure, health and safety. HSU's deferred maintenance is \$110 million. The system received \$25 million to address deferred maintenance issues.

The Board discussed the transfer of pension liability from the state to the system and then to campuses. Vice President Lopes will give a presentation on pensions at a future ULC meeting.

State Senator McGuire is sponsoring a legislative bill requiring state auxiliary organizations to follow sunshine laws.

President Rossbacher and the vice presidents have been discussing ways to streamline the commencement ceremonies and Provost Zorn will work with the deans and others to implement changes. Because of these changes to commencement, HSU did not nominate a candidate for an honorary degree this year.

External Relations

The group discussed the importance of consistency in HSU messaging from all areas. A working group will be formed to create structural ways to strengthen communication across divisions. Another goal is to increase the number of people

that the community thinks about as representing HSU. Deliberate involvement in community organizations and broad representation will be encouraged.

Campus Climate

President Rossbacher informed the group about the upcoming meeting with the student protesters, scheduled for Feb. 4. Council members were asked to share “frequently asked questions” about the protest with Vice President Wruck.

Strategic Plan

Two days of workshops will be held - one for the community on February 11 and one for campus on February 13. Supervisors are encouraged to allow staff to attend. Even short amounts of time at these workshops will be helpful. A student survey will be going out soon with a faculty and staff survey following.

Institute for Student Success Debrief

President Rossbacher thanked the ISS organizers for a great event. Radha Webley and Melissa Meiris discussed the history of the Institute. Council members expressed their interest in professional development for both faculty and staff as a priority, perhaps working with HCOE and CR to coordinate efforts. Members were encouraged to submit proposals for workshops for the next ISS to be held in August 2015.

Next Meeting

The next ULC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 26 at 9:00 a.m. in the CCR.