



University Executive Committee Meeting Notes July 18, 2013

Members Present: Rollin Richmond, Peg Blake, Anna Kircher, Steve Smith, Bob Snyder, Craig Wruck, Noah Zerbe, Brooke Fiore, Frank Whitlatch, Mary Hackett.

Guests: Mary May, Scott Paynton, Michael Bruner, Traci Ferdolage

President's Report

President Richmond provided information from the CSU President's Leadership Retreat and other meetings.

- An alumni attitude study was recently completed and HSU did very well. Once the full data set is received it will be shared with campus.
- Several new CSU presidents have been appointed. President Richmond is now one of the senior presidents.
- The new state budget includes funds for enrollment growth and graduation incentive measures along with funds for increased health benefits costs, new space and energy projects.
- The presidents were asked to read Daniel Pink's new book, *To Sell is Human*, and President Richmond shared some important points.
- The group discussed various CSU campuses differential tuition (fees) programs and agreed that our MSF fee has a similar impact.

Ombudsman Report

Professor Michael Bruner, Communications, reported on the work of the two campus Ombudspersons for 2012-13. Michael and Professor Nancy Hurlbut spoke to 50-60 students, staff or faculty and were able to resolve and deescalate most concerns, thereby reducing legal action and stress. The program operates under the principles of **Independence, Neutrality, Confidentiality, and Informality**. Professor Bruner and the group thanked Professor Hurlbut for her service. You can learn more about our Ombudspersons by visiting: <http://www.humboldt.edu/ombuds/>

Summer Construction Projects

Traci Ferdolage, AVP Facilities, shared an update on the many campus construction projects that are being completed this summer.

Centennial Projects

Frank Whitlatch shared the Birthday Celebration poster and a schedule of centennial events including speakers. HSU Alumni is also coordinating 24 HSU Birthday events around the US in conjunction with the admissions staff. All are encouraged to attend the Welcome Home Block party on August 30, which will include a photo op of people creating the number 100. New Centennial key cards are now available through Plant Operations. A parade will be held on September 27 during homecoming weekend.

Convocation

Mary Hackett distributed a schedule for the Fall Convocation.

Cyber Security

Anna Kircher described steps that HSU has taken to protect sensitive data and encouraged everyone to use create strong passwords. She also cautioned against using public computers, particularly in foreign countries. HSU now has an automated install of anti-virus software on all PCs.