



## President's Leadership Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** March 23, 2016

**Location:** Lee Hall, Room 412

**Present:** President's Cabinet: Leah Cox, Special Assistant to the President for Diversity and Inclusion; Sabrina Johnson, Associate Vice President of Human Resources and Affirmative Action; Juliette Landphair, Vice President for Student Affairs; Jonathan Levin, Provost; Torre Meringolo, Vice President for Advancement and University Relations; Richard Pearce, Vice President for Administration and Finance; Kimberley B. Williams, Associate Provost for Enrollment Management; Martin Wilder, Chief of Staff  
Senior Leadership: Taiwo Ande, Assistant Provost for Institutional Analysis & Effectiveness; Brian Baker, Executive Director, Economic Development; Anna Billingsley, Associate Vice President of University Relations; Janine Davis, College of Education; Scott Jones, Dahlgren Campus Site Director (on behalf of Mark Safferstone); Ken Machande, (UFC) Associate Dean; Kristin Marsh, (UFC) Associate Professor; Jeff McClurken, Special Assistant to the Provost for Teaching, Technology, and Innovation; Michael Morley, Staff Advisory Council President; Tim O'Donnell, Associate Provost Academic Engagement Student Success; P. Anand Rao, (UFC) Associate Professor and Director, Speaking Intensive Program; Lynn Richardson, Dean, College of Business; Ken Tyler, Athletic Director  
Additional: Pam Verbeck, Executive Office Manager

### 1. University Wellness

*Presented by Melissa Jones, Assistant Dean of Student Involvement, and Kelly Shannon, Interim Director of Campus Recreation*

- The concept of wellness as an institutional priority was addressed.
- Wellness is about being positive and proactive.
- 61% of students have participated in Campus recreation.
- Future plans include: \$5.00 per pay period membership fee for faculty & staff, and member/non-member specialty program pricing to cover programming costs.
- Student fees are currently covering the majority of the operating fees.

### 2. President's Council on Sustainability Report

*Presented by Erin Wynsong and Eric Bonds, President's Council on Sustainability*

- A special report on divestment was researched and written by a subcommittee of the President's Council on Sustainability and approved by the Council as a whole.
- They have determined that divestment is feasible and has been recommended.
- Two options were suggested:
  - Option A – The UMW Foundation should maintain an investment portfolio that is 99% free of investments in the 200 largest fuel companies.
  - Option B – The UMW Foundation should maintain an investment portfolio that is 98% free from the Carbon 200.
- They are **not** recommending divestment from fossil fuels.
- There was no review of political support ramifications.
- The expectation is that this will come as an action item to the Board of Visitors.

### **Announcements:**

#### Juliette Landphair:

- Many student events during the last month of classes, and encouraged faculty and staff to participate.

#### Kimberley B. Williams:

- Destination UMW took place last weekend for students who have been offered admission to UMW.
- There will be an open house this Friday for juniors/seniors.
- Financial aid award letters have gone out to offered students.
- New staff will be joining Financial Aid and the Registrar's office.

#### Torre Meringolo:

- The Mary Washington First Campaign is moving towards its \$50 million goal.
- The celebration for supporters is May 14.

#### Brian Baker:

- A student veteran will be celebrated tomorrow at the Army Navy Club in Arlington.

#### Rick Pearce:

- Developing next year's budget for presentation at the April BOV meeting.
- In the planning stages for Amphitheater and Seacobeck Hall renovations.
- Getting ready to start construction on the Jepson Science Center renovation.
- Mr. Pearce encouraged the Leadership Council to have their computers encrypted to avoid issues.

#### Leah Cox:

- April is Sexual Assault Prevention month, which will bring several awareness events on campus.
- Interviews are beginning for the James Farmer Post-Doc Fellow.

#### Michael Morley:

- The Staff Advisory Council (SAC) will host a mixer on April 7, 4:30-6:00 p.m., at the Home Team Grill.
- An SAC newsletter is being developed for faculty and staff.

#### Anna Billingsley:

- The Guinness World Record High-Five attempt will be held on April 13. More participants are needed.

Sabrina Johnson:

- The participation from the faculty/staff climate to work for was very good (49%).
- Reminders are being sent out to hourly employees who are getting close to using their total allotted hours.

Lynne Richardson:

- Group advising was piloted this spring. One hundred twenty-nine students were helped as a result.
- Alums are speaking in classes this week.

Scott Jones:

- A bid was successful to the base at Dahlgren to teach a math and computer science course.

Jeff McClurken:

- April is Teaching Technology Innovation month.
- The Hurley Convergence Center will be dedicated on April 15.

Tim O'Donnell:

- There was a science debate on March 14, in which our Provost Levin took part in.
- There will be a job internship fair tomorrow.
- Advancement has been working to import alumni information into Banner data from LinkedIn.

P. Anand Rao:

- The University Faculty Council meets on March 30.

Janine Davis:

- The Executive in Residence will be speaking today and tomorrow.

Ken Tyler:

- NCAA celebrates DIII April 4-10. Student athletes will be taking part in an array of activities.
- The Student Athlete Advisory committee created a video, entitled "You Can Play," which is entirely produced by student athletes.

Marty Wilder:

- On Friday, April 15, at 4:30, there will be a dedication of the Hurley Convergence Center and the unveiling of the presidential portrait.
- On Friday, April 29, there will be an opportunity for faculty and staff to come to a farewell to the President and Mrs. Hurley at Brompton.

Jonathan Levin:

- On April 5, there will be a viewing of the film "The Burden." Several military figures will be on campus and participating on a panel. The film will be viewed at 7:00 p.m., followed by the discussion in Chandler Ballroom.
- A joint meeting of the Audit and Finance committees is working towards a report on Financial Aid.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

April 20 – Leadership Council Meeting, 1-3 p.m., Lee Hall, Room 412