

UW-Rock County Student Housing Committee Notes

Friday, October 20, 2017

Dean's Conference Room

- I. **Introductions** – started meeting at 2:00 p.m.
 - a. Kristin welcomed everyone to the meeting
 - b. Present: Shawna Connor, Tristan Duelge, Kristin Fillhouer, Kara Hawes, Julie Janiak, Kim Kostka, Robert McCallister, Bev Simonds, Brian Zobel, and Kevin Miller (spelling?)
 - c. Absent: Dave Carlson, Stacy Randall, Janine Peterson, Matthew Tyler
- II. **UW System Announcement – Reorganization Plan**
 - a. Status – why are we still meeting?
 - i. The committee can still do good work
 - ii. REO/Dean Clark reviewed the charge – still valid – Kristin read his Email
 1. Committee is advisory
 2. Trip to Fond du Lac will be valuable
 3. Committee can make case to UW Whitewater
 4. Janesville School District wants to have more international students
 5. Some students won't be ready for four-year housing situation
 - iii. May turn our recommendations over to UW System
 - b. UW System Restructuring Web Site information was reviewed on-screen
 - c. The Board of Regents (BOR) vote is on November 9
 - d. Julie talked about transparency and communication with the public - regarding this advisory activity - is very important work
 - e. Our financial strength may be another talking point in our favor
 - f. We will be aware that our view, the lense we view this project through, may seem to be different during the reorganization – it's not a change, simply a new partnership
 - g. Charles asked for response by May 2018, before the transition in July 2018
 - h. Keep UW Whitewater aware of our work – this is a “system” change
 - i. Property of Rock County – thus we have insight and input to make this recommendation whichever way it is presented
 - j. BOR proposal has not been given to the public yet
 - k. UW Whitewater has reached out to campus staff – we are beginning communications with our “comprehensive” partner
 - l. Communication is going through the Chancellor's office during this period of transition
 - m. Margaret Farrow is our Regent Liaison, from Pewaukee, Wisconsin
- III. **Student Survey**
 - a. Results are not tabulated
 - b. Closed 10/13/2017
 - c. An earlier communication indicated there are 1013 in response pool, more than 300 responded
 - d. Consultants will review numbers and tell us if this is a “good” survey
 - e. If received in a shareable format before next meeting, Kristin will forward to the committee members

- f. Community housing survey information will be included
- IV. **UW-Fond du Lac Visit**
 - a. November **10** – our next committee meeting
 - b. Leave campus at 8:00 a.m. – car pool
 - i. Bob will drive separately to visit former colleagues at the campus
 - ii. Shawna will drive from her home, to save travel time
 - c. Will return at end of the day
 - d. They just completed a public/private housing partnership project
 - e. Will visit with the student housing committee
 - i. How did things happen?
 - ii. What is their funding model?
 - iii. Kevin mentioned his work with investors and international students
- V. **New Business**
 - a. Web Page
 - i. Shawna introduced the UW-Rock County Student Housing Committee web page
 - ii. Will update with student survey information when available
 - iii. Introduction of public forums – when scheduled
 - iv. Timing of activities – press release questions (below)
 - b. Press Release
 - i. Shawna asked about timing of a press release relating to the web page and community outreach
 - ii. Looking for timing guidance from Charles, Chancellor’s Office, committee
 - iii. Transparency is top priority, and supportive communication
 - iv. Discussed the use of a press release after the BOR vote on November 9
 - v. Discussion with UW Whitewater would occur before the release
 - vi. Photos and social network will be involved in the release of this information
 - vii. Hopefully will occur before Fond du Lac visit
 - viii. Committee still meets 6 more times – plenty of time to engage constituency
 - ix. Consideration for placing a comment on the web site – “press release will come out soon, we’re waiting for conclusion of the November 9 BOR Vote”
 - c. Neighborhood Survey Idea – Russ P.
 - i. Could we work with classes/students to do a door-to-door survey as a course project?
 - ii. Results posted for community comment
 - iii. Encourage participation in community forums
- VI. Adjourn – 2:45 p.m.