



Staff Council Meeting

**October 20, 2022**

**10AM**

**Student Leadership Center, College Union/ZOOM**

**Attending:** Yodev Ocasio, Kelly Young, Leeanne Cohen, Bob Saas, Randy Hollingshead, Ryan Glanville, Chris McPherson, Michelle Heath, Maureen Zambito, Traci Closser, Peggy Howell, Jaclyn Lander, Jason Coleman, Karen Gerardi, Becky Meacham, Mia Szabo

- I. Update from Cabinet Member – Jason Koegler
  - a) Cancelled – Not Attending
- II. Meeting Minutes – September
  - a) Motion – Michelle Heath
  - b) Second – Ryan Glanville
  - c) Time – 10:04 AM
- III. ACCE Update – Yodev Ocasio
  - a) No HEPC members joined the previous meeting last week
  - b) Next meeting scheduled for November 7
  - c) Survey work to be sent to all WV public institution staff members
    - i) Measure what may be holding people back from stepping into voluntary leadership roles (e.g. Staff Council)
    - ii) Planned to be shared early 2023
- IV. BOG Update – Ryan Glanville
  - a) BOG Meeting from October 19, 2022
    - i) Ed.D in Instructional Leadership, Management and Innovation was voted on and approved; now goes to HLC and HEPC for accreditation approval; tentative start date for this cohort is Summer 2023; looking to accept 16 students in year 1 to program; similar in year 2; tuition and fees were discussed
    - ii) WLU is applying for interest free loan through HEPC to cover costs for water pipe work around campus as well as Library HVAC project
    - iii) Enrollment Updates (Katie Cooper & President Evans)



- (1) Fall 2022 is down (2247 students enrolled); not an apples to apples comparison as far as exact date in term; Early Entrance students still need to be added to this number as well as second session graduate students; first year students increased as well as a 20% increase in new graduate students with a 6% increase in students in campus housing
- iv) DEI Initiatives – Fall Survey that was sent to campus as a reminder recently; encouraged to complete to provide opinions, thoughts, and pertinent data about campus climate
- v) Contract signed for pledge from Gary West for apartment that is adjacent to Gary West Event Center; the site will be for a future crayfish lab
- vi) Sale of land discussion (lot in West Liberty); additional interest from a dollar-store option
- vii) Main Hall roof is now completed
- viii) Financial Update – FY22 audit is underway; CLA is the auditor and they have staffing issues and moving along in the normal process (not being completed as fast as typical); this is a review as WLU has provided all necessary documents and information
  - (1) Bond debt - \$17.5 million
  - (2) FY23 – anticipated \$2.3 million in bond payments
  - (3) By 2027, expected to have paid off \$4.2 million; by 2028, another \$4.8 million to pay down; within next 5 years planned to have half of bond debt satisfied
- ix) WLU Foundation giving for quarter is on target for goals, hopeful will exceed goals by end of quarter and have a better overall year from their record year last year
- x) Highlands Center
  - (1) Looking to consider downsizing space with less square footage; the event room may need to grow that is adjacent; exploring other options for space that is more appropriate for WLU needs
  - (2) There are 4-5 classes being administered at center; we spend \$300,000+ for lease/utilities annually at this facility
- xi) Presidential Search Committee continues to meet; action item emanating from last meeting was to utilize an outside search firm to assist with the process; was a result of how on-campus resources are not able to truly dedicate to the appropriate



vetting; WLU Foundation has pledged up to \$50,000 with the total cost estimated to be between \$75,000-\$100,000; RFP has been advertised with bid process open

### V. Old Business

- a) Fundraiser in full swing – we need help selling the tickets
  - i) How to sell the tickets – other methods?
    - (1) Set up a table at Homecoming to distribute
    - (2) Yodev also able to help distribute in Union as able

### VI. New Business

- a) Terrific Topper September Nominees
  - i) Izzy Bennett
  - ii) Zach Rhodes
- b) Terrific Topper – October Nominees
  - i) Anthony "Sal" Salatino

### VII. Meeting Adjourn

- a) Motion – Michelle Heath
- b) Second – Yodev Ocasio
- c) Time – 10:26 AM