

University Joint Legislative/Regents Relations Committee

Date: September 26, 2017

In Attendance: James Bushman, Laura Godden, Patty Fairchild, Ben O'Connell, Joe G. Gow, Lori Reichel, Josh Hertel (recorder), Elizabeth Brown, Cynthia Carlson, Sandra Vinney, Joe Heim

12:30pm Call to order

1. Election – Recorder (Josh Hertel)
2. Introductions
3. Committee History – Joe Gow
 - a. Role of Joint Committees
 - b. Our goal is to educate legislators about the importance of..
 - i. Phase II of Cowley
 - ii. Residence halls
 - c. Maintaining open forums on campus
 - d. (Joe H) Committee is unique in its structure with representation from across campus.
4. Update on regent visit (James)
 - a. Volunteers will be needed to help with moving regents around campus.
5. Discussion of Budget Items (Joe H, Cynthia C)
 - a. (Joe) This is the first budget in 8 years where University has gained funding.
 - b. (Cynthia) Performance measurements have been built into budget. It will be tied into the next fiscal year. They have not determined the metrics. Four directions:
 - i. Student access
 - ii. Student success
 - iii. Workforce support
 - iv. Efficiencies
 - c. (Joe) The kinds of performance measurements they are discussing are things that UWL generally does well with. On a per student basis we get less money per student than most campuses.
 - d. There is a committee made up of UW system folks looking at redistribution of resources.
 - e. (Cynthia) UW System is interested in developing common systems between campuses for increased purchasing power.
 - f. (Joe) Changes were made to make the selection of chancellors more consistent across the system. Changed the structure of search committees a few years ago so that there is more control over the selection of presidents and chancellors. Vice chancellors were not included in this change.
 - g. (Joe) There is a tuition freeze for two more years. Chancellors have stated that this is not sustainable.

- h. (Joe) Joint finance committee put 100 million dollars back into the budget for buildings. UWL did not get funds from this dispersion.
- 6. Discussion of non-budget items (Cynthia, Joe H, Patty, Elizabeth)
 - a. Allocable versus non-allocable resources.
 - b. Summary of several bills.
 - i. Conceal carry
 - ii. Fetal tissue use
 - iii. Freedom of expression
 - c. UW is supportive of Foxconn.
 - d. Elizabeth B and Joe H discuss Wisconsin gerrymandering case that is now being reviewed by US Supreme Court.
- 7. Federal Issues (Joe H)
 - a. The budget extension deal from October to November maintained funding at current levels and did not include the cuts proposed by Trump Administration.
 - b. Changes to sexual assault rules.
 - c. UW System statement on DACA
- 8. Election of Chair
 - a. Lori and Joe H reviewing duties of chair. Facilitating meetings, touching base with Joe G, organizing forums, and getting out the vote.
 - b. James nominated and elected as chairperson.
- 9. Motion to adjourn (Elizabeth). Seconded (Patty)

1:36pm Adjourn

Joint Regents - 1/30/18

Attendees: Sandra, Laura, Elizabeth, James, Joe, Patty

Call to Order: 4:09

Minutes tabled until next meeting to allow for review.

Joe explained the invitations and why the dates were set as they were.

Sandy is going to follow up with VanderMeer

Doyle confirmed.

Billings, Shilling, VanderMeer, Nerison invited. Pronschinske will be invited.

—Just list Billings, Shilling, Doyle until others confirmed.

Discussed the Bill Tracker, used as a spark for brainstorming.

Advertising Plan:

Need to connect with Student Association for sponsorship — remind sponsors to help get a crowd.

-Campus Connection

-Updated Poster - Submit as a digital sign (20x11.25)

Potential Topics of Interest:

Freedom of Expression

3-year degree

FoxConn? - Not a University issue?

Legal Drinking age

Student housing/Landlords

Performance Based Funding

Other:

Higher Education Reauthorization Act

Political Science Event Next Wednesday

Legislative Health Forum @ Viterbo - Feb. 5 (Next Tuesday)

Looking forward: Inviting Ron Kind later this Spring

-Could we work in some sort of Roundtable?

Adjourn: 5:00

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