Attending: Provost Butler; Sue Buckley, Vice President for Human Resources; Erin Brothers, Laurie Hafner Dahms, John Downing, Hans Hoerschelman, Kimberly Keister, Shannon Lizakowski, Randy Nessler, and Marsha Adolph.

Absent: Joshua Smith and Chuck Wieland.

Meeting called to order

Updates

The new Staff Council Executive Committee was introduced to Provost Butler, who welcomed the group.

Art Building West was closed due to flooding. They are hoping to dismantle the HESCO barriers and flood walls by August 1st to allow for students to smoothly move back to campus. With the increase in more permanent flood protection, campus will have less emergency flood situations like we have seen in the past. It used to take approximately 3 days to take down the invisible flood wall around Art Building West. Now it takes roughly 18 hours to take it down. Flood efforts this year cost campus $4million. There are still more flood mitigation projects to complete south of the power plant.

There hasn’t been a big flood impact on orientation for new students. There is a contingency plan in place, including alternate directions to campus, if flooding continues. Provost Butler has been visiting with all the units on campus this year, and the interaction with the new students has been positive. UI Staff Councilors are encouraged to go out of their way to welcome the new students – even to just say hi.

UI Admissions is ramping up recruitment efforts, with the inclusion of more scholarships available. Marketing efforts are increasing across the state, which also increases the cost related to those efforts.

Community colleges in small communities around the state are the livelihood of those areas. Efforts will be made to create partnerships with community colleges, like Kirkwood.

There are continued meetings around campus with Deloitte. There is another Town Hall meeting on Friday, September 5th at the Iowa City Public Library. This Town Hall will be an academic meeting with faculty, including working groups that will focus on the areas identified by Deloitte.

Meeting adjourned