Staff Council Executive Meeting with President Mason  
Monday, September 23, 2014  
101 Jessup Hall

Attending: President Mason; Sue Buckley, Vice President for Human Resources Administration; Erin Brothers, Laurie Hafner Dahms, John Downing, Hans Hoerschelman, Kimberly Keister, Shannon Lizakowski, Randy Nessler, Josh Smith, Chuck Wieland, and Marsha Adolph

Absent: None.

Meeting called to order

Updates

Groups on campus have been meeting with Deloitte again this month. The remaining business cases will be up for approval at the next Board of Regents meeting.

There shouldn’t be an impact on the future of UIHC or the UI building plans due to the Standard & Poor’s negative outlook on UIHC. There is currently a high enough bonds rating for UIHC that it will balance out. There is a plan in place already to come up with the operating costs for the new children’s hospital.

The Seashore Hall replacement and new dormitory are needed to handle the increase in students. Seashore Hall houses one of the largest majors on campus for undergraduate students.

A 3-year degree is being discussed for undergraduate students on campus. It would include a selection of popular majors across campus. A roadmap for students wishing to complete their degree in 3 years is being designed. The governor’s proposed $10,000 degree hasn’t been done before, but more details are expected in the future.

The Board of Regents is requesting $12.9 million in funding, which will help prevent a budget cut to the University of Iowa. The governor needs to include the amount in his budget for the Regents universities. It would then go to the Legislature in January for a decision, as they appropriate the funds.

University health care employee rates will have no increase for calendar year. Flu shots are now available on campus.

A possible early retirement plan is being discussed on campus. It would potentially impact 3,000 people on campus if the eligibility requirements are 57+ years of age and have completed 10 years of service at the University of Iowa. The plan would need approval by the Board of Regents. If it is approved, it could start as early as January 2015.

Meeting adjourned