Staff Council Executive Meeting with President Mason
Tuesday, April 28, 2015
101 Jessup Hall

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

Absent: None.

Meeting called to order

Updates

The legislature is currently meeting. The Iowa House Appropriations Committee voted to include Performance Based Funding for the Board of Regents in the state education budget. This could move $12.9 million from the University of Iowa to the other two universities. Performance based funding still needs to move through the rest of the legislature for approval.

Hawkeye Caucus was a successful event again this year. Many areas from campus were represented at the State Capitol.

The TIER review is still moving forward, and the UI campus continues to invest a lot of effort into supporting the review. Chazey Partners met with the Board of Regents and gave a brief report this month. Their final report will be at the June Board of Regents meeting.

Last year was the safest football season for tailgating, despite not seeing a reduction in the number of tailgaters. Longer tailgating hours will be seen this coming year as a reflection on the improved behavior. Student attendance at home football games has always fluctuated depending on the season. Baseball attendance has risen in recent years, though.

The Iowa Memorial Union will be reopening this summer and will house orientation activities. Campus tours will continue across campus throughout the summer, and the Iowa Bookstore will be moving back into the union. It is unclear what the vacated space in the UCC will be utilized for once the bookstore moves back down the hill.

Fall enrollments are strong. It is expected that the incoming class this fall will see an increase of 500+ students over the fall class last year. Community colleges have started to recruit more overseas, as the higher education climate changes within the state and across the country.

The AIB project in Des Moines continues to move forward. More details will be provided as they come available.

The Legislative session is expected to run late this year, so budgets may not be known for the June Board of Regents meeting.

Meeting adjourned