Staff Council Executive Meeting with Provost Butler  
Wednesday, July 8, 2015  
111 Jessup Hall

Attending: Provost Butler; Kevin Ward, Interim Vice President for Human Resources; Marsha Adolph, Erin Brothers, Laurie Hafner Dahms, Hans Hoerschelman, John Laverty, Shannon Lizakowski, Glenda Smith, Matthew Watson, Chuck Wieland.

Absent: Monica Madura

Guest: John Keller, Dean of the Graduate College

Meeting called to order

Updates

Introductions were done by new Executive Committee. Provost Butler emphasized his commitment to shared governance.

Dean John Keller joined us to discuss restructuring of the Graduate College that had been announced earlier in a mass email and a press release. The Graduate College is moving to a more “student service” oriented structure. Dean Keller mentioned that technology has freed up staff to be able to focus on other things. This is a national trend. The changes in structure will allow the Graduate College to be more efficient and effective. Areas that will be a focus include distance learning, helping graduation students become more “professionalized”, and career development for graduate students. Dean Keller mentioned that the various Master’s Degree programs are what connect the Graduate College to the state of Iowa and show value.

Provost Butler gave an update on enrollment. Summer enrollment was up in part because of the Summer Hawk Tuition grants. At this point in time, fall enrollment for first year, first time students appears to be up. Orientation is going well.

Provost Butler also provided an update on AIB and the University of Iowa presence in Des Moines. Tom Rice is the key person working on increasing the University’s academic presence in Des Moines. The John and Mary Pappajohn Education Center, in the heart of downtown Des Moines, is about 12 years old and is well used. The University will take possession of the AIB property in the fall of 2016 as an academic partnership between the UI, ISU, UNI, and DMACC. Each school will offer its own programs.

The TIER Academic cases update and the ISU/UNI Intellectual Property Agreement discussion will be deferred until a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned