Attending: Dr. Jean Robillard, Interim President; Kevin Ward, Interim Vice President for Human Resources; Erin Brothers, Laurie Hafner Dahms, Hans Hoerschelman, John Laverty, Monica Madura, Glenda Smith, Matthew Watson, Chuck Wieland, and Marsha Adolph.

Absent: Shannon Lizakowski

Meeting called to order

Updates

Dr. Robillard met with 400 students. The quality of students is very impressive. Tuition and debt are the biggest concerns on their minds. The graduate students are going to lobby with the state for tax credits. We talked about the cost of education in general. The University of Iowa is still a very good deal for undergraduate, in-state students. We need to emphasize the quality of education that students get for such a reasonable rate.

Dr. Robillard also told us that Bruce Harreld had been on campus. He will be back again next week. There are no meetings being officially scheduled yet. Dr. Robillard will be at our Staff Council meeting on October 14. There was a question about whether President-elect Harreld would also be able to be at that meeting also. Hans will look into it. Dr. Robillard encouraged us to communicate with him every chance we can. If we can offer solutions to issues that is even better.

We discussed AIB. The final gift agreement is going to the Board of Regents in October. There will be classes there in the fall of 2016, but only for the University of Iowa. The Board of Regents will be studying the Des Moines market to figure out what, if anything, needs to change to deliver public education to Des Moines. There have been a lot of changes with the programming for the AIB campus, but this is the latest information available.

Kevin Ward updated the Executive Committee on a few items. The position of Director of Talent Acquisition is getting closer to being filled. Kevin told us that while Wellness initiatives on campus are still having positive impacts, there will likely be a rate increase for health insurance starting in 2016. We have had 3 years of no increases. Open Enrollment will start at the end of October. Rates for dental insurance will most likely remain the same. We discussed continued ways to celebrate our achievements for staff.

Meeting adjourned