Staff Council Executive Meeting with Provost Butler
Thursday, November 12, 2015
111 Jessup Hall

Attending: Provost Butler; Erin Brothers, Laurie Hafner Dahms, Hans Hoerschelman, John Laverty, Monica Madura, Glenda Smith, Matthew Watson, Chuck Wieland and Marsha Adolph.

Absent: Kevin Ward, Interim Vice President for Human Resources; and Shannon Lizakowski.

Guest: Josey Bathke, Director, University Employee and Labor Relations

Meeting called to order

Updates
Provost Butler shared how the first week with President Harreld has gone. Staff Council Executive Committee will be going to different locations for our monthly meetings with the president. This will help showcase the campus, meet staff at the various locations and navigate campus.

We discussed the upcoming class for next year and how recruitment is going. The Enrollment Management staff are using more focused analytics to look at strategies for recruitment and financial aid.

Provost Butler gave a brief status of the initiative that Interim President Robillard started by asking the Dean of each college to submit revenue generating ideas. Those have been submitted to President Harreld for review.

We had a brief discussion about the resignation of the President of the University of Missouri system, Tim Wolfe and how that might affect the University of Iowa. President Harreld has already met with students and faculty. The Faculty Senate is putting on a workshop on November 13th that will give tools for faculty to use in discussing difficult conversations in classrooms.

Discussion was held on the Unizin project. Unizin is a consortium that the University of Iowa is a part of. There is currently a pilot study going on looking at a product called Canvas. Canvas would replace the current course management system if chosen. The collaboration part of this product actually allows faculty to share modules from their courses with other faculty who are on Canvas. This potentially could have a huge benefit for the university.

Provost Butler discussed the TIER Academic case. It was presented to the Board of Regents at the last board meeting. Classroom utilization is the top priority. E-Learning, both online and distance learning, is the other priority. There also is a push to make sure that the time to degree won’t be affected.

The gift agreement for AIB was signed last week. There are several committees that are working on the operational level to figure out what needs to happen before we can actually have classes there. These issues are things such as IT, cafeteria, marketing, signage, what classes will be taught here and who will be teaching them. These committees will be reporting back in December to Provost Butler.

Meeting adjourned