Staff Council Executive Meeting with Provost Butler
January 26, 2016
111 Jessup Hall

Attending: Provost Butler; Josey Bathke, Director, University Employee and Labor Relations; Erin Brothers, Hans Hoerschelman, Monica Madura, Matthew Watson, Chuck Wieland and Marsha Adolph.

Absent: Kevin Ward, Interim Vice President for Human Resources; Laurie Hafner Dahms, John Laverty, Shannon Lizakowski, and Glenda Smith.

Meeting called to order

Updates
Provost Butler opened the meeting with updates on the following items:

1. TIER Academic Cases: Lon Moeller, Associate Provost, is currently working on the Process and Implementation Plan based on recommendations from Pappas Consulting and Ad Astra. A response to the recommendations will be submitted to the Board of Regents (BoR) hopefully by Friday, January 29, 2016. There will be regular updates from the TIER Academic Team to the BOR regarding the process and implementation.

2. Spring Semester: The semester has started and going well. At this point his office is working on figuring out what to do with the buildings that will be going ‘offline’ soon, such as the old Menards building.

3. Fall Enrollment: Currently, there is strong fall enrollment numbers expected. Fall 2016 class could potentially be larger than the Fall 2015 class.

4. AIB: The University of Iowa will start 4 programs on the Des Moines campus in Fall 2016: Enterprise Leadership, Social Work, Sports and Recreation Management, and Political Science. Also, on May 5, 2016, there will be a celebration of AIB’s history on the AIB campus. University of Iowa branding of the Des Moines campus will be light at the beginning. We are still working to engage ISU and UNI to participate in offering classes at the Regents Regional Center.

5. FY17 Budget: This budget will be a challenge for us. Many buildings are opening on campus that will cost the University ~$4M in recurring expenses. New buildings are absorbed into the central budget. Some of the issues that make budgeting such a challenge are:
   a. The past 3 years of tuition freeze
   b. No new funding from the State legislature
   c. Revenue is at a 0% growth.
   d. Benefit costs have been higher than estimated and this year will see a $6.5M expense on the budget
   e. Union contract increases will also happen this coming FY17

We had an open discussion regarding faculty and staff having opportunities to audit classes on campus. Provost Butler talked about the various options around campus for faculty and staff to take classes, from departmental tuition assistance, university tuition assistance and auditing a class. There is some information on the University’s website but not prominently and the options staff have not been widely
known. Josey Bathke will get data together regarding the options staff have across the university and present to UISC Executive Committee.

Provost Butler is the Lead for the newly formed Path Forward Strategic Implementation Team. He presented us with the goals of the team, which can be found at http://president.uiowa.edu/leadership/strategy-implementation-team. The team will be an ongoing process team, taking the goals of the university and coming up with ideas to fulfill the goals. From there, sub teams will be formed to work out the details and present back.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Brothers, Vice President/President Elect