

Minutes – Subject to Approval

**The Trustees of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh-Fox Cities Campus**

Monday May 1, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

1478 Midway Road, Menasha

Trustees Present: Yvonne Monfils (OC), Steve Binder (WC), Tom Swan (WC), Chris Croat (OC), Tom Borchardt (WC-Alt), John Cuff (OC–Alt),

Others Present: Martin Rudd, Paul Farrell, Pam Massey, Mike Elder, Renee Anderson (recorder), Craig Moser, Paul Farrell, John Doemel, Kyle Sargent, Tom Nelson

1. *Call to Order [Chair]*. The meeting was called to order by chair, Yvonne Monfils, at 1:00 p.m.
2. *Public comment on agenda items*. There were none.
3. *Approval of March 20, 2023, minutes [Voting Trustees]*. John Cuff made a motion to approve the minutes as shared. Seconded by Steve Binder. 0 Opposed. 1 Abstention (Croat). Motion carried. Chris Croat made a motion to move agenda item #5 ahead due to several attendees having other meetings at 1:30 pm. Seconded by Tom Swan. 0 Opposed. 0 Abstentions. Motion carried.
4. *Presentation and discussion of bills [Martin Rudd]*. There were no questions following Martin's presentation of the bills.
5. *Status of meeting to be scheduled with OC, WC and UWO leadership [Co. Exec Nelson, Trustees]*. The Trustees are awaiting Outagamie County (OC) budgetary input. Delays are credited to OC being without a finance director. The finance committee reps were to develop common language so there is an understanding of the contributions of each party according to the 1970 MOU. Findings of the small group meeting will be brought to the university and county leadership. Tom Nelson is looking to have higher level conversations with other County Execs about longer term visions of higher education for the branch campuses. Tom Swan reinforced that the Trustees oversee maintaining the properties. Steve asked when OC may be willing to move ahead with the engineering study. Both counties have approved and set aside the money for the design project.
6. *Discussion of Request for Ideas [All]*. Back in fall, access campuses shared ideas for new offerings to help expand programs and activities on our campuses. UWS is now looking for our own unique plans for each branch campus. Martin spoke with four of the UWO College Deans. He's meeting with the Vice Chancellors next week to discuss some ideas. Martin is now looking for any county input. Some suggestions were: Create a Small Business Development & Entrepreneurial Center, use the Barlow & Weis Museum as part of a STEM Outreach Center (by changing the computer center into the activity hub, use this campus for a Math, Art, & Science Residential Honors High School., create a small medical school through Froedtert, possible COB use of DE classrooms for synchronous delivery of BBA, create a BA degree only for students at FOX/FDL students (such as the BAAS), repurpose parts of the Engineering Building to build out new degree programs (examples are Biomedical and Automation Engineering). We have more than a thousand students needing online completion degree or credentials to satisfy community needs. Yvonne wants to find ways to get the community to the campus. She stated that UW FOX

is unique in its fieldhouse, daycare, gallery, Weis Museum, and Barlow Planetarium. How do we make the best use of spaces with untapped potential. She also asked how we can attract a more diverse student body from within the community.

7. *New Business and Standing Reports*

- a. *2023 Operational Budget Update and YTD Spending [JoAnn Rife]*. There were no questions on the operating budget as presented. Twenty-five percent of the operating budget has been expended through the end of March.
  - b. *2021 - 2023 Capital Projects: Status of approvals, rollovers, and process [JoAnn Rife]*.
    - i. 2021 CIP: An appraisal was received by Duesterbeck & Associates with a market value of \$610K. Yvonne would like to see a business plan before any further discussion but prioritizes the food service & union project.
    - ii. 2022 CIP: UWO Fox Cities Foundation is on board for a capital campaign to raise money for the new equipment and which will launch the upgrades of the Barlow. Parking lot work is due to begin in summer.
    - iii. 2023 CIP: No updates to report.
    - iv. *Condition Report for Campus [Tracy Schwartz]*. Spring clean-up occurs during the snow & ice thaws. Repairs have been made to a broken sewer pipe in front of the daycare and a deep cleaning of bathrooms is to take place. Maintenance is short one custodian and a current custodian is moving into another campus position. Due to upcoming renovations, Maplewood Middle School has requested to use the soccer field at the north end of campus. UWO hired a new project manager, Chad Shaw. Tracy made available a list of updates on noted Safety Walk items.
8. *Report from the Assistant Chancellor for Access Campuses [Martin Rudd]*. The new incoming Provost and VC Academic Affairs, Edwin Martini, will start on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Martin explained that that the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, usually also serves as the Provost. Twenty-five different companies were on campus last week by invitation of the Business Club. National Science Foundation (NSF) STEM Grant, a Tree Campus Higher Education event with the city of Menasha and a Climate Resilience listening session all recently took place.
9. *Future Agenda Items. There were no new agenda items.*
10. Schedule next meeting [May 22, 1.00pm; June 26, 1.00pm (Martin out)]. Yvonne has suggested the next meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>. No one was opposed to this next meeting date.
11. *Adjournment*. Chris Croat made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Tom Swan. Meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Anderson