

## Minutes -Approved

### UWO Fox Cities Board of Trustees

Wednesday July 14, 2021 1:00 p.m.

Trustees Present: Tom Snider (WC), Mike Brunn (WC-Alt), Jerry Iverson (OC), Yvonne Monfils (OC)

Excused: Mike Thomas (OC-Alt), Steve Binder (WC)

Others Present: JoAnn Rife, Martin Rudd, Ane Carriveau, Paul Farrell, Mike Elder, Tracy Schwartz, Pam Carriveau, Chancellor Leavitt, Renee Anderson (recorder)

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by chair, Tom Snider.
2. There were no public comments on agenda items.
3. Approval of May 24, 2021, minutes. Mike Brunn made a motion to approve the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Yvonne Niesen. Motion carried.
4. Discussion of Legislative Matters and Committee Reports [*Chancellor Andy Leavitt*]. Senator Roger Roth, the State Senate Committee of Higher Education leader, presented a report which examines consolidation of the regional comprehensive UW System institutions. Conversations are occurring on ways to collaborate between the 4-year campuses to save money as well as to mitigate risk. An example would be IT risk and/or other back-office functions. Free speech on campus was also included in the report. Program array is referred to in the report as a way of distinguishing campuses. Northeast Wisconsin Educational Resource Alliance (NEW ERA) is the local (NE Region) connection between the higher eds in this area. Jerry asked if there was any information on funding for 2-year colleges. He also informed the board that there was a lack of comments in the report on County support to the 2-year campuses and that the WI Idea brings education *to the people*. A Strategic Planning process will be starting which will involve the Trustees and help address many of the questions in the report. Next steps will be continued conversation. Renee will get the electronic version of the report out to the Trustees.
5. Presentation and discussion of bills [*Tracy Schwartz*]. There were no questions following Tracy's presentation of the bill summaries. Some discussion ensued on timelines for priorities of the approved expenditures. Further discussions with the counties will take place the first couple of weeks in August.
6. New Business and Standing Reports.
  - a. 2021 Operational Budget Update and YTD Spending [*JoAnn Rife*]. As of end of June we are at 38% spent. If you take all expenses that were not considered building improvements, expenses have been flat for 6 years and so we do not get an increase in

our budget. Capital expenditures were separated out from the Capital budget in this month's reports.

- b. 2020 Projects [*JoAnn Rife*]. These projects have continued: the Childcare Center addition, roof top unit repairs, fire alarm upgrades and the Food Service & Student Development Center feasibility study.
  - c. 2021 Projects: [*JoAnn Rife*]. JoAnn will bring Trisha Frank from her office to a future meeting. Expansions of programming facilitated tours of 1428 Midway Rd will potentially bring the MBA program from Appleton to Menasha. An addition will be needed to meet space needs of the programs to be housed there. The Trustees are recommending purchase of the property.. Martin recommended an appraisal of the property as the next step. Dean Barb Rau is willing to come to a future meeting to give her vision of this space; possibly at the next (August) meeting. It was recommended that Martin write a letter to the Trustees stating that there is interest in moving forward with getting an appraisal. He will request two with each county covering one appraisal. Winnebago county would put out the RFP. Paul recommends sending this to Craig Moser and copying the County Executives also adding information about Dean Rau willing to speak to the Trustees. The land purchased is estimated at \$750K. Three small capital outlay projects are underway. New flooring product has been requested in the Geology Lab as it was not square.
  - d. Condition Report for Campus [*Tracy Schwartz*]. There was an insurance claim made for water damage to Perry Theater stage. Lots of exterior painting and light bulb replacements are being completed. Tracy is having to invest in repairs at a higher rate than expected because staff were laid off last year and many pieces of equipment were overdue for routine maintenance and required repairs. Several safety walk concerns are being addressed. Midway Road speed limit will be reduced past campus with the cost for the new signage being split between four municipalities.
7. Old Business
- a. Economic Impact Study follow-up- Comments from Trustees [*Tom Snider*]. Defer this to the August meeting agenda. Jerry is looking into a potential source to cover the costs of a study. He will inquire with both Extension offices as to possible support from them.
  - b. Report on tours of 1428 Midway Road for possible degree completion site [*Martin Rudd*].
  - c. Report on FY21 parking [*Martin Rudd*]. \$14K was brought in with \$4.4K spent as start up. That provides a net balance of a little under \$10K for this last academic year. This aligns with the expectation that the first couple of years would fall below expectations.
8. Report from the Assistant Chancellor for Access Campuses [*Martin Rudd*]. UWO has committed \$550K to support first- and second-year students who are in need of greater assistance as fallout from the pandemic. Another 2+2 pay plan has been approved in the 2021-23 biennial budget. Al Peche. Barlow Planetarium Director passed away in early

summer. A plan is underway for an interim director to step in. A Board of Regents meeting is being held at UW Oshkosh in October.

9. Future Agenda Items. Deferred from this meeting., “Economic Impact Study discussion.”
10. Schedule next meeting. The regular meeting date does not work for all Trustees. Martin will send a Doodle Poll to determine a new August date.
11. Adjournment. Jerry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mike Brunn. Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Renee Anderson