

Regional Dean's Report to Board of Trustees October 2016

Here are some updates from the Regional Dean's Office.

1. **Chancellor's Awards:** The week before last, Bill Bultman, Jim Eagon and I attended the Chancellor's Awards Presentation at the Pyle Center in Madison to recognize a couple of awardees connected with UWFox.

Firstly, the Chancellor's Friend and Advocate Award was presented to former Winnebago County Supervisor and Chair of the Board of Trustees, Tom Widener. Tom worked closely with Jim Eagon for several years on the Board of Trustees before choosing not to seek reelection in June as a County Supervisor. He was a member of the Trustees that oversaw the creation of the UWFox/Platteville Engineering Building.

Secondly, a Chancellor's Friend and Advocate Award was presented to Rep. Dave Murphy (56th District), Chair of the Assembly's Colleges and University Committee. Rep. Murphy has worked closely with UW Colleges and UW-Extension on key pieces of legislation that help students. He authored the College Affordability legislation which provides emergency grants to students in college who experience a financial emergency. He is also a UWFox alum.

There was also a celebration lunch for newly promoted faculty, hosted by Chancellor Sandeen. I had the pleasure of joining Jamie Douglas (Engineering) and Carrie Tirel (Math) in their honor.

2. **UW Colleges and UW-Extension Media Roundtable:** I joined a panel of experts, including Wendy Seegers, for a media event hosted at the East Side YMCA in Green for a roundtable discussion on the issue of opioid abuse in NE Wisconsin. We had print media from Gannett there and two TV stations for the hour long event. These are specifically designed and targeted to be showcases for the expertise that is contained within the faculty and staff at our institutions and that their expertise is highly relevant to topics of local, regional and national interests.
3. **Preview of Fox Cities Exhibition Center:** You have probably seen the media coverage, on the unveiling of the plans for the Fox Cities Exhibition center. I was invited to attend the event, which was exciting as presented through the eyes of the architects charged with developing the design that was eventually accepted.
4. **Governance Work:** The UW Colleges' governance groups are working through a series of involved and detailed changes to the constitution of the UW Colleges (centered around the regional structure) and the aggressive timeline associated with changes to the post-tenure review policy for all UW System Institutions as determined by the Board of Regents. There are multiple committees working simultaneous on the language, reviews by UW System legal counsel and ultimately (hoped for) approval from campus collegiums (meeting more often than monthly right now) to support the changes.

Respectfully submitted,

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