

## Regional Dean's Report to Board of Trustees November 2016

Here are some updates from the Regional Dean's Office. I will not be at the Jan Trustees Meeting.

1. **UWFox e.a.t.s. Scholarship Fundraiser:** On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November, the UWFox Foundation held its 20<sup>th</sup> annual *e.a.t.s* event (Educational Assistance through Scholarships) with more than 200 people in attendance with the aim of raising more than \$70,000 for student scholarships for next year. There were more than 40 community chefs, including faculty, staff and local campus supporters, and three celebrity chefs (on stage in Perry Hall). Thank you for those of you who were able to come and support the work of the Foundation is providing financial assistance to students through scholarships. More details on final amount next month.
2. **Out and About in the Fox Cities:** Laurie Krasin and I were guests for an hour on the "Fresh Take" radio show on WHBY with Josh Dukelow where we had a wide-ranging conversation about the budget related reorganization, enrollments, programs.

UW System President and Wisconsin Technology Council President, Tom Still hosted a lunchtime forum at Fox Valley Technical College that I attended. The theme was a discussion of a report that the WTC has produced that has some long term connections with UW System (plans / strategies).

The Appleton Area School District hosted its annual Community Partnership Breakfast at James Madison Middle School. The theme this year was centered around the new Academic and Career Planning that AASD has been piloting for the DPI. At our tables we got to hear directly from 7th and 8th graders about the types of in-depth career planning that goes on, and in particular how higher education fits within that.

In July, Carla Rabe (Regional Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management) and I attended a Manitowoc County Job Fair at the Holiday Inn. As part of a continuum of follow ups resulting from the companies that we met that day, I invited Assistant Professor of Engineering from the UW-Platteville-Fox Valley Collaborative Engineering Program, Ranen McLanahan and Peter Wills (from Progress Lakeshore [Econ Devt] to tour Parker-Hannifin with me. In particular, they had indicated they are currently in the market for hiring mechanical and electrical engineers and were admittedly unaware of the opportunities at all of our campuses for students to complete BS degrees in engineering through the UW-Platteville Collaborative Degree program. We toured the huge facility with the Internship Director and Plant Manager and learned of the types of internship and coop positions that they have that could be connections for our UWFox students. There are several steps we are taking to follow up.

3. **Fox Talks:** Later in November (15<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm), UWFox and UW-Green Bay are jointly hosting a pilot event to outline the "Phoenix Rising" transfer program that was developed with several NE Wisconsin campuses last year and approved by Provost Lampe. The event is designed to provide information to students about the benefits of the program (transfer, UW-Green Bay activities, academics)

Respectfully submitted, Martin 11/08/16