Minutes PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL Approved November 7, 2011

PRESENT:
President F. Ann Millner
Vice President Norm Tarbox
Provost Mike Vaughan
Vice President Jan Winniford
Vice President Brad Mortensen
Vice President Bret Ellis
Dr. Forrest Crawford

GUEST: Alan Livingston

Minutes

Consent Calendar

JoAnne Robinson

(Early Retirement)

Information Technology Road Map

Mobile Development

- 1. The meeting convened at 8:00 a.m.
- 2. The minutes from the October 17 meeting were approved.
- 3. The following Consent Calendar items were approved:

Becky Sneddon, Academic Support Centers - Programs, beginning December 31, 2011.

- 4. VP Ellis discussed Information Technology's road map for the future. They plan to partner with academic technology. He encouraged Vice President Tarbox and Provost Vaughan to meet with their divisions to discuss storing information in the cloud. He stated that mobile technologies will be very important in every way the university interfaces with students, faculty and staff. IT personnel will be meeting with vice presidents and directors to discuss what services they will need from IT. Weber State will be transitioning from GroupWise e-mail. He indicated that most systems are now e-mail combined with something else. He reported that the transition of student e-mail went very smoothly.
- 5. VP Ellis demonstrated the university's mobile website and said that Alan Livingston has been working on this with Rob Hilton from Computer Science. Provost Vaughan stated that he struggles with whether some mobile applications add value or if they're just a truncated version of a browser. He encouraged IT to question if they were adding value. President Millner said they should look at ways to simplify content management. VP Ellis responded that information currently resides in multiple data places.

		They are trying to make sure data bases that are developed can be shared in different places.		
Engineering New Course Fee Applications	6.	Provost Vaughan presented a request for new course fees for electrical engineering. VP Tarbox replied that he would prefer to provide necessary funds on a one-time basis this year and have the course fees go through the regular approval process.		
Finance 1010	7.	VP Tarbox reported that Human Resources had contracted with Continuing Education to offer a non-credit Finance 1010 class for employees. Classes will begin in January and end in May. Classes are once a week during noon hour. Employees will be required to purchase a Finance 1010 text book, but will be reimbursed if they complete the class. Employees register for the class through Training Tracker		
PPM 3-29a, Family and Medical Leave	8.	VP Tarbox presented proposed changes to PPM 3-29a, Family and Medical Leave. These changes have been discussed with various groups on campus and it is ready to be submitted to the Board of Trustees.		
ACTION		President's Council approved proposed changes to PPM 3-29a. This policy will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for their approval.		
Compensation Consultant - Segal	9.	VP Tarbox reported that a national consulting firm, Segal has been hired to help Weber State University build a new compensation system. The University of Utah and Utah State have both gone through this process. This expense will be covered by the benefits pool. The consultants will contact each of the vice presidents to discuss their concerns.		
Capital Development Scoring	10.	President Millner informed President's Council that she and Alan Hall had visited with David Hall and proposed the new Science Building be named for Tracy Hall. President Millner added that going into the legislative session with some money for the new building could be helpful. To be in fifth place on this year's list is a very good position for WSU.		
Academic Calendar	11.	Provost Vaughan presented proposed changes to the academic calendar for 2011-2012. These changes were approved in Faculty Senate Executive Committee.		
ACTION		President's Council approved the recommended academic calendar changes. The calendar will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for their approval.		

Board of Trustee By- Laws	12.	President Millner recommended that the By-Laws for the Board of Trustees be brought up to date and coordinated with Weber State University and Regent policies.			
Pipeline Project	13.	VP Tarbox reported that he would be receiving a letter from the university's expert consultants that recommends that if WSU allows an easement for the Ogden City pipeline, the pipeline should be pushed as close to the east edge of the plateau as possible to preserve the most flexibility for the university.			
West Center Location Recommendations	14.	VP Tarbox presented proposed west center locations. One option is just east of the current location. The other option is three miles west. Dr. Tarbox recommended a 10 acre purchase at the second location.			
Next Meetings	15.	The next meetings of President's Council will be as follows:			
		Nov 21 Dec 5	8:00 am - 11:00 am 8:00 am - 10:00 am	Board Room Board Room	