

Minutes
PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL
Approved
June 12, 2013

PRESENT:

President Chuck Wight
Vice President Norm Tarbox
Provost Mike Vaughan
Vice President Jan Winniford
Vice President Brad Mortensen
Faculty Senate Chair Patricia Cost
Donna Wollman

GUEST:

Jerry Bovee
Mark Halverson

Minutes

1. The meeting convened at 8:00 a.m.
2. The minutes from the May 22, 2013 meeting were approved.

Consent Calendar

3. There were no Consent Calendar items.

Cell Phone Plans

4. Provost Mike Vaughan reported that the current cell phone usage reimbursement policy may not adequately cover costs for using cell phones for business, during periods of international travel. The current policy has a \$100 cap per month and the actual costs can greatly exceed this cap when traveling abroad. President Wight feels that in this circumstance, the cost should be considered a legitimate travel expense and when presented with proper documentation, should be reimbursed under that policy. Rich Hill added that in order to maintain the integrity of the cell phone policy, care should be taken to make sure it is specifically a travel expense. Bret Ellis will be asked to provide guidance on how to minimize costs associated with cell phone usage during international travel.

ACTION

President's Council approved the proposal to reimburse international cell phone costs during business travel as a travel expense rather than as a cell phone expense.

Snow Budget &
Outside Legal
Counsel

5. VP Tarbox reported that additional funds were needed on two university budgets. The first was the Snow Budget, due to a heavier winter than anticipated, \$40,000 is needed. The second is for Outside Legal Counsel due to a great deal of time spent by Rich Hill on the downtown Ogden building, \$35,000 is needed.

ACTION

President's Council approved the additional funds for each budget.

Student Affairs Rental & Service Charges

6. VP Winniford presented updated proposed rental and service charge increases for Student Affairs facilities. Winniford had looked over the previous proposal and made some adjustments, and added a % column to show the percentage of increases. She also reported that the rates for the new Union Building have only ever been increased once, and that was two years ago.

ACTION

President's Council approved the rate increase.

Field House Name and Signage

7. VP Tarbox and Jerry Bovee reported on the status of the Ice Sheet and some of the naming challenges that are being encountered. Because it is a joint effort with the county Weber does not have exclusive naming rights. The Eccles foundation has contributed to the indoor field, and the Marquardt's contributed generously to the building itself. It was agreed that the new WSU logo and new word mark will be used on one end, and the athletics symbol on the other. The actual naming of the building and field is still being determined. No action needed at this time.

Solar Array at Davis

8. VP Tarbox and Mark Halverson presented ideas regarding a solar energy project at the Davis campus. The last energy reduction project has resulted in large reductions in energy consumption. The next project will be a large solar array. Davis campus is the ideal location, and changes in policy with Rocky Mountain Power to "net metering" will allow Weber to get an offset from the energy it produces. There will also be an educational component to the project, making it the single largest accessible facility for students and the public to visit and learn from. VP Tarbox expressed concerns that WSU be conservative in its decision because it is new technology and no guarantee of how long the equipment will last. He recommends a payback period of no more than 10 years. The project will begin next summer. VP Tarbox requests that space be held on the campus master plan sheet for future development of this type of project.

ACTION

President's Council agreed to leave space on the campus master plan sheet for future development to accommodate this type of project.

Next Meetings

9. The next meeting of President's Council will be as follows:
Jul 3 8:00 am - 10:00 am Board Room