

**Minutes**  
**PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL**  
**Approved**  
**July 13, 2009**

**PRESENT:**

President F. Ann Millner  
Vice President Norm Tarbox  
Provost Michael Vaughan  
Vice President Brad Mortensen  
Vice President Jan Winniford  
Vice President Bret Ellis  
Forrest Crawford  
Anita Preece

**GUESTS:**

Cherrie Nelson  
Barry Gomberg  
Rich Hill  
Stephanie Hollist  
Madonne Miner  
Ron Smith

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| Minutes  | 1. The meeting convened at 8:00 a.m.   |
| Tuition Benefits Policy  | 2. The minutes from the July 6, 2009 meeting were approved.  |
| Action:  | 3. Cherrie Nelson, Assistant Vice President for Human Resources, distributed the current Tuition Benefits Policy. She explained that there is an issue of clinical and concurrent faculty members receiving this benefit, the benefit being non-taxable and the possibility of risk to the university.<br><br>The legal team will review the policy one more time and report back to President's Council with their recommendations.   |
| Discontinuing Founder's Day Competition and Founder's Scholarships | 4. Provost Vaughan proposed the following changes to the Founder's Day Competition and Founder's Scholarship Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Continue to offer all new freshman students with 128 index or higher, the WSU Presidential Scholarship. In addition, all Presidential Scholarship awardees would have student fees waived. This would become the highest and most prestigious scholarship offered at WSU.</li><li>- Eliminate the Founders Scholarship and the competition event.</li><li>- Hold an induction ceremony for Presidential Scholarship students and their parents.</li><li>- Use the money currently being spent for on-campus housing to cover the cost of "student fees" and the "W" parking pass.</li><li>- Overall savings in per semester plus savings in personal time and miscellaneous expenses would also be realized with the elimination of the Founders competition event.</li></ul><br>The proposal was approved by President's Council. |

Public Art	<p>5. Dr. Madonne Miner, Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities proposed developing a Public Art Policy at WSU. She explained that in protecting artworks and making the artworks accessible to the public, WSU should establish the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Guidelines for the selection of art or acceptance of donations.</li> <li>- A policy and process for deaccessioning art.</li> <li>- A policy on the composition of the public art selection committee.</li> <li>- A master plan for art on campus in coordination with the campus master plan.</li> <li>- A policy on the care and maintenance for art work not funded via the percent for art program.</li> <li>- A record of all the public artworks on campus.</li> </ul>
Action	<p>Vice President Tarbox and Dean Madonne Miner will organize a committee and draft a policy and bring back to President's Council for review.</p>
Financial Transparency Initiative	<p>6. Mr. Ron Smith, Director of Operations/Controller, distributed a presentation on the Utah Transparency Initiative. He explained that Utah taxpayers will be able to view and track the use of taxpayer dollars. Institutions of Higher Education will "Go-Live" May 15, 2010 and report data back to 9/1/09. Mr. Smith will keep President's Council updated.</p>
Medical Benefits RFP	<p>7. Vice President Tarbox mentioned that every three years the University shops for medical benefits plans. He reported that it might be in WSU's best interest to bid this year, instead of waiting for another year. President's Council approved moving forward with the RFP's.</p>
Davis Campus Master Plan	<p>8. Vice President Tarbox reported a plan to temporarily place the sand volleyball and basketball court at the Davis Campus. The plan was approved.</p>
Vanguard Funds	<p>9. Vice President Tarbox reported that TIAA has offered to add 6-8 Vanguard funds to WSU's retirement plan.</p>
Action	<p>President's Council approved the additional funds. It was suggested that the Office of Workplace Learning offer personal finance information to employees on WSU's retirement plans.</p>
One-Time Funds	<p>10. Vice President Tarbox distributed the draft of the 2009-2010 One-Time Funds list for President's Council review. It was suggested that Vice President Tarbox discuss the possibility of providing vaccines and tamafllu for students, faculty and staff.</p>
Adjournment	<p>11. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.</p>