

University Council
Minutes
April 19, 2019
RWEC, Pastega Room

Present: Rex Fuller, Laurie Burton, Scott Beaver, Curtis Campbell, Kathy Cassity, Paul Disney, Gary Dukes, Tina Fuchs, Mark Girod, Ryan Hagemann, Rip Horsey, Ana Karaman, Richard Kavanagh, Bill Kernan, Erin McDonough, Sue Monahan, Janeanne Rockwell-Kincanon, Abdus Shahid, Michael Smith, Linda Stonecipher, LouAnn Vickers (Ex-Officio), Niki Weight, Rob Winningham

Absent: Evelyn Guzman, Dave McDonald, Adele Schepige, Judy Vanderburg

Updates and Progress Reports

- **Northwest (NWCCU) Update**

Dr. Sue Monahan acknowledged that it's been three years and one week since our April 2016 visit from NWCCU which resulted in seven recommendations to WOU. Much has been accomplished in the past three years, and while we await the final report from our recent mid-cycle visit on April 4-5, the review team (Dr. Perry Brown and Dr. Doug Bullock) provided WOU with encouraging commendations in their initial feedback. Western was commended for:

- Creating new organizations and processes for the campus that should put it in a position for assessing mission fulfillment once they are fully implemented and data are generated.
- Developing a high level of energy and excitement among participating faculty members. It should be easy to leverage this energy and excitement going forward.
- Developing a very good assessment mechanism for ULO's that has been successful in its first- phase implementation.
- Achieving an outstanding rebuilding of general education with strong faculty buy-in. A University level general education program has been developed.

Dr. Monahan reviewed our accomplishments and our next steps with regards to the university's mission and core themes, institutional assessment plan, planning and budgeting, student learning: ULO assessment, student learning: gen ed revision, and areas of "general" focus.

President Fuller noted that because WOU is now on-track with the accreditation process, no special reports are required. He acknowledged this is due to the diligent campus-wide efforts over the past three years.

- **Cybersecurity**

Michael Ellis, Assistant Director of University Computing Solutions (UCS), provided an overview of [WOU: Layered Network Security](#). He explained that multiple layers of security are in place to protect WOU's data.

Zones have been created within WOU's network and a border firewall is established around each zone, which protects them from each other. The zones are identified as the university's Wifi, residence halls, credit cards, other network zones, desktop security, and user security. FirePOWER is the internal firewall used to protect each of the zones as well as WOU's data center.

Ellis reinforced that UCS should be contacted regarding any suspicious emails. If there is any question about an email, his recommendation is to assume it is spam and contact UCS – do not open it or click on links!

The University Technology Advisory Committee receives a cybersecurity update at each meeting.

- **IR website and dashboard update**

Dr. Abdus Shahid gave an overview of the [Institutional Research](#) website and dashboards. He noted that enrollment data is accessible for 2010-2018. Details such as a breakdown of first-time full-time cohorts, retention, degrees (by ethnicity, gender, resident/non-resident, etc.) are all available. Because the data provided on the IR website is the information reported to IPEDS and the HECC, it is the official data resource for the university.

- **Strategic planning scorecard** (This topic was tabled until the May 17 meeting.)

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20am.

Upcoming meetings

May 17 (8:15 refreshments, 8:30-10:30am meeting – RVEC, Pastega Room)