Unclassified Senate Spring General Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 30, 2015

I. Welcome
- Brett Morrill, UPS President, convened the spring meeting at 3:30 pm.
- Introduced speakers.

II. Dr. John Bardo, President
- The legislature is in session and it is expected that a budget will be coming soon. Still no word on whether or not we will receive a budget cut.
- He has been meeting with faculty and staff at town halls and has been receiving good ideas on several topics. Encourages everyone to attend a town hall meeting.
- Enrollment is steady and housing is down about 50 residents, but the number is reasonable.
- He is currently working on the tuition proposal to the Board of Regents and expects an increase of less than 5%. The Regents have requested that we include short courses for the adult market.
- International enrollment has improved.
- Announced that trees have been removed from the former Braeburn golf course in order to start work on the Innovation Campus.
- Presented a video on the Innovation Campus. The I.C. will promote start-up business based on new ideas and work with others to discuss ideas.
- Stated that the UP Senate looks at a reward system to promote new ideas.

III. Dr. Tony Vizzini, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
- WSU is a catalyst driving the community to come together. Moving to Old Town will help integrate with the community and bring vitality to the district.
- WSU is assisting the neighborhood south of 17th Street reclaim their neighborhood. This sends a message that “we are Wichita”.

IV. Eric King, Director of Facilities Planning
- Presented PowerPoint on the Innovation Campus.
- The campus is 320 acres and of that, the new Innovation campus will make up 120 acres.
- Partners will decide the size of buildings and the plan is a work in progress.
- Membership to the Makers Space will be available to the public.
- Air Bus will move in 400 employees and will need to provide their own parking.
- Interviews are in progress for residence hall contractors. They are planning buildings with 400-600 beds and support spaces.
- We are in the process of talking to development teams to develop at 21st Street and Oliver. This will be similar to the Bradley Fair area, which includes hotels, retail and mixed use areas.
- Working with the city to provide an infrastructure
- Explained that trees were cut down early in order to avoid nesting of the long-eared bat, which is an endangered species. Had the bats nested, the project would’ve been delayed.
- Sewers are not enough and we will need to retain with water features. Sanitary sewers will have areas as deep as thirty feet. He is working with the city to increase the size of sewers.
• The city will upgrade traffic around the campus and tie into the Red Bud bike trail.
• The city transit is working on a Tiger Grant to get funding for a transit hub that will be part of the Innovation Campus.
• The Experiential Engineering building will go out for bid on May 21, 2015. Air Bus will start May 1, 2015 and the residence halls should open Fall 2017.

V. Questions
• *What is the timeline for the proposed phases?* The Experiential Engineering building and Partnership buildings are already underway. We are talking to developers about the residence halls and apartments. Dr. John Tomblin has been talking to a number of companies to participate in the Innovation Campus. Anticipate completion in about eight years.
• *Will the partnership pay rent or all expenses?* Developers will pay their part and land rents. The EDA grant will pay for equipment and roads. The bonds sold well and will pay for some.
• *What will we do with the trees that were cut down?* There is a RFP out now to recycle the wood.
• *Will outdoor sculptures be integrated into the Innovation Campus?* Yes. We are looking at future forward in outdoor art.
• *Are there plans for a people infrastructure?* Yes. The idea is to have student areas closest to the current campus and the public areas closer to the 21st Street and Oliver area. We will continue to run the shuttle service and consider adding a Police substation.
• *What percentage of students and faculty will work with Air Bus?* It is expected to use between 30-100 interns in their workforce paying $15 per hour.
• *Are there plans for using solar panels or green groups?* That is being considered for the residence halls and the Experiential Engineering building is looking at wind/solar for demo purposes.
• *Are you still planning to turn Fairmount Towers into parking? What about the Child Development Center?* Yes, the plan is to provide 450 parking spaces when the towers are taken down. Would like to move the Child Development Center, but would need to see a business plan. We may need to apply for a grant.
• *What is the plan for Brennan Hall?* Brennan will continue to be a swing space.
• *Who will be responsible for 21st & Oliver security?* The WSU Police will have jurisdiction of that area.

VI. Closing Remarks
• Brett Morrill stated that the senate would continue to report on the CBIZ stakeholder’s committee meetings. It is expected that JAQs should be back to the university sometime in June.
• The policies and procedures dealing with discipline and grievances are complete and will be delivered to Dr. Bardo in a couple of weeks.
• The policies and procedures dealing with evaluations are close to completion.
• The senate was given a presentation from V-Ride to offer van sharing to university faculty and staff. The Wichita Transit will subsidize $300 per van pool. Please see the UP website for additional information.
• The Tobacco Free Wu and Me resolution has been discussed. A straw poll was taken by the senate and tied. The UP senate will put out a survey to determine whether or not we will support the resolution.
• The UP senate saw an increase in election nominations as well as service award nominations.
• Introduction of new, continuing and departing senators.
• Introduction of next year’s senate president, Mark Porcaro.
• Mark Porcaro presented a gift to Brett Morrill as appreciation for his service this year.

VII. Adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Submitted by Ellen Abbey