

## University Advisory Council

November 14, 2013

CH 319 – 3:00 PM

**Present:** James Limbaugh, Debbie Ritz, Sue Solomon, Cindy Small, Fred Everingham, Vicki Gist, Jane Stuart, Becky Toth, Brian Simonson, Chris Wendland, Norton Pease, Kim Watson, Denise Brewer, Jamie McBryan, Carlo Dacumos, Kristi Shettel, Ligia Arango, Jay Howland.

### Policies:

406 – Immunization Requirements for Nursing Students – Policy approved and will now be placed on the website

810 – Cashier Activity – Policy approved with slight format changes and will now be placed on the website.

903.5 – Control of University-Owned Property – policy approved and will now be placed on the website.

### Updates:

NWCCU – A handout was presented showing concerns and recommendations from accrediting team from our 3<sup>rd</sup> year review. This is a preliminary findings report. Most things are dealing with our lack of mission fulfillment or being able to prove that we are doing what we say we are doing. These will be addressed with the NW Commission.

Complete College MT – a new initiative to increase college completions was recently implemented by the Governor in August. A packet was handed out which outlines the six essential steps for states to complete.

Enrollment – Kristi reported that recruiting visits to HS are going well and campus visits are increasing. The recruiters and office are fielding calls regarding the Secondary Ed and Nursing.

Capital Campaign – is moving ahead. There is a need to raise \$5 million as soon as possible for the new Auto/Diesel facility.

We Love Northern Ball will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2014. It will be a “barn dance” style. There will not be auctions, just come and have fun. Proceeds will go towards choice of student scholarships or new museum for Indian artifacts being building in the library.

Upcoming theme dinners – Thursday Nov 21 will be a complete Turkey dinner; Thursday, Dec 5 will be Campus Christmas dinner, wear your ugly holiday sweater and get a discount. Santa will be there also.

Provost Search – 6 finalists have been identified and some will be brought to campus during the weeks of Dec 2 and Dec 9. The successful candidate could be on campus by February 1.

New computers – IT has two items going before the November BOR for authorization to expend student computer fees. This will include replacing all computers in labs and classrooms that are older than 5 years in the amount of about \$80,700. Another is authorization to spend \$191,000 to establish 6 additional “smart” classrooms and a mobile “smart” cart.

Nursing – Chancellor addressed recent news reports regarding our Nursing program. There are significant challenges in nursing right now, some of them have been brewing for years. We are on conditional approval

by State Board of Nursing. We are fully accredited but have some things to address. The Nursing Department is mandated to report each quarter to the State Board of Nursing regarding staffing, assessment and curriculum. He has asked the Nursing department to present action plan to him by January 15 on how they are going to address the issues that have come to light.

Holidays – There will be no early dismissal before Thanksgiving or Christmas nor any closure of campus for time between Christmas and New Year's. The campus will remain open and all offices are to be covered.

The campus Christmas Dinner will be held on Thursday, December 5. Please bring your families and enjoy time with students and colleagues.

The Chancellor and Mrs. Limbaugh also invite everyone to a Holiday reception at their home on Sunday, December 8 from 2:00 to 5:00.

Pete reported that the Vets Center has received a \$30,000 grant from the state. It is expected that with troops coming home for Afghanistan, we could see possibly 50-60% of those return to school using the GI bill.

Ligia reported that more faculty are holding office hours at the Learning Success Center.

**Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM**