

Staff Council Meeting Summary
Tuesday, May 8, 2018
267 University Hall
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

In attendance: Shannon Norton, Amanda Spencer, Maureen Barry, Tom Fortener, Suzanne Semones, Dawn Banker, Joanie Hendricks, Adam Horseman, Jerry Hensley, Via phone: Deanna Springer

Guest Speaker: Walt Branson, Chief Business Officer

- a. **Open Positions:** These are being filled on an extremely limited basis.
- b. **Savings related to vacancies in FY18:** The savings are keeping us from overspending.
- c. **Fiscal Watch:** Walt is cautiously optimistic. Next steps are to look at April spending and non-compensation spending. Board approved sale of property which will add \$2 million to our bottom line. Vacation truncation moved up to June; this strategy affected a lot less people than furloughs would have. Fiscal Watch would be disastrous. It will affect enrollments in the future. Cuts you have to make to get off of fiscal watch are greater than those that we need to make in order to avoid fiscal watch.
- d. **FY19 budget:** Working with units; we still don't have a balanced budget. Walt will submit a proposed budget at the finance committee meeting on Friday, May 18

Old Business

- a. **Provost Search:** Search committee met to review feedback, which has now been shared with the President. The final decision is up to Dr. Schrader.

Additional Topics Discussed

- a. **Meeting with President's leadership team:** CSAC and USAC Chairs plan to cover the following topics – Shared governance; Staff focus groups; Encourage more inter-unit collaboration; Reporting structure for Staff Council.
- b. **Staff Council meetings for FY19:** 9-11 a.m. 2nd Thursday of each month, beginning in August.

The next Staff Council meeting will take place Tuesday, June 12, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in 267 University Hall.