

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, 28 February 2023
4:30 p.m. – Via Zoom**

ACTION MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Thompson, Chair; Yong Tang, Vice Chair; Julia Albarracin, Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Manoochehr Zoghi, Provost; Craig Whettentn, 1er0.00u;li2.3 (t)- Hos9 4nheay, liy (;)-4.66 ()1P 2nateg
concept: the difference between the amount of money one has and the actual amount
deficit.

The President told ExCo it is too early to tell whether enrollment will grow again this university will not have a good idea of retention and freshmen enrollment until May o predict at this point. He said Vice President for Enrollment Management Amber Schu group this morning that the admissions apps are a little down compared to previous y bit up. He said the challenge and highest importance continues to be how to improve has heard the admits and acceptances were down considerably for the Quad Cities ca Huang said roughly 900 students matriculated at the Quad Cities campus, and that ha added that the number of international students on the campus showed an increase.

President Huang told ExCo there will be a Board of Trustees meeting on March 23-2 campus. He thinks the most important agenda items will be the discussion and approv changes to Fall 2023 tuition and fees. President Huang has been pointing out very cor years that WIU's international student tuition rate is one of the lowest in the state. Cu student tuition rate is the lowest statewide at 1.5 times the domestic rate. The Preside sensitive to the needs of WIU students and to retention needs; however, Faculty Sena Professionals of Illinois, and WIU's employees are all concerned about revenue gene

the university will do better with the correction of the scholarship policy, with the increase promised by Governor Pritzker, and, hopefully, with a strong fall enrollment. Chair Thompson asked if the discount rates would be changed for Fall 2023. President Huang responded he does not know but he hopes this can happen because that is another policy area that needs to be cracked. He noted that most universities do not have 40-50 percent discounts, meaning that for every dollar that is brought in the university only keeps 49 cents. He thinks this is an area where stronger stewardship of the university's finances is needed, and he hopes that happens soon with the new financial leadership. He stressed that WIU needs to curb spending and to generate more dollars through enrollment, auxiliary services, and grants and contracts in order to be financially stable and sustainable.

Senator Albarracin asked how the \$100 million generated by the comprehensive capital campaign will be used. President Huang explained the campaign is based on four pillars: scholarships for students; technology advancements; diversity, equity, and inclusion; and faculty support. He noted that technology is currently a big vulnerability for the university. He hopes that Slate can be implemented soon because the university's current enterprise resource planning (ERP) system is not efficient or reliable, but millions of dollars are needed to start up the new ERP. President Huang is working

leadership was interim whereas now the Provost, President, Vice President for Enrollment Management, Quad Cities campus leadership, and now new CFO are all permanent. At the dean's level only one interim dean is still in place and the rest are all now permanent.

President Huang noted that there have been a couple of salary increases for faculty, staff, and non-negotiated employees offered since his tenure as president, something which had not occurred for several years. The President, with the help of the Global Studies office, has brought in more international students than ever before. The new JIDE office has been established.

President Huang stated that a big accomplishment which has been very important psychologically is that enrollment has grown for the first time in ten years by 2.5 percent. He noted that WIU is one of only four public universities out of the 12 that grew enrollment for the current year, so that was very important for the university's momentum.

The President noted that although a comprehensive capital campaign was discussed for years, it has now been launched, and he is on the road and collecting donations which will support student success and faculty development. Finally, the new Center for the Performing Arts is being built after being in discussion for about 14 years. President Huang noted that in the last six years ground was broken twice only to have the funding recalled. He said the administration was very aggressive in securing the \$120 million for the building; the president gives credit to Troy Rhoads, Shannon Sutton, and Jeanette Malafa, but President Huang was always in the mix of those efforts as well. He added that the dollars have been secured and will not be returned.

2) Both CAGAS and the Council on General Education (CGE) have submitted reports in response to a revised proposal regarding the way students with AA and AS degrees transfer to WIU. The proposal, which would allow transfer students nationwide with these degrees to be considered to have met the university's Gen Ed requirements, came before Faculty Senate early

