

**MINUTES
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN OSHKOSH – FOX CITIES CAMPUS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**

Members Present: T. SWAN (Winnebago Co.)
W. ULBRICHT (Winnebago Co.)
C. CROATT (Outagamie Co.) – attended virtually
J. CUFF (Outagamie Co. – Alt.)

Members Absent: Y. MONFILS (Outagamie Co.)
S. BINDER (Winnebago Co. – Alt.)

Chairperson Tom Swan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2024

MOTION: CUFF / ULBRICHT MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2024 AS PRINTED. VOTE: AYE, UNANIMOUS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PRESENTATION OF MAINTENANCE INVOICES – UW OSHKOSH FOX CITIES CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE

• **Discussion on Maintenance Invoices**

Tracy Schwartz, UWO Fox Cities Campus Facilities Manager, presented the current invoices received to the Trustees. Trustee Chair Swan questioned the \$2,199.68 invoice from Carl's Landscape dated June 27, 2023. Schwartz reported that the invoice was paid on time, however, Carl's Landscape did not cash the check, and therefore, a new check was cut.

MOTION: CUFF / ULBRICHT MOVED TO APPROVE THE SUBMITTED INVOICES SUBJECT TO THE TWO COUNTY'S LEGAL COUNSEL IDENTIFYING EXPENSE ITEMS THAT MAY BE DEEMED NONESSENTIAL AND INELIGIBLE FOR RENUMERATION BY THE COUNTIES. VOTE: AYE, UNANIMOUS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

TRUSTEES AND COUNTY OFFICIALS – FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION ON INVOICES

No further discussion took place regarding the invoices.

MAINTENANCE PROJECTS REVIEW – COUNTY FACILITIES DIRECTORS

Winnebago County Facilities Director Mike Elder reported the Fox Cities Campus building is being maintained at the current status. Outagamie County Facilities Director Paul Farrell reported there is a leak in the roof that seems to occur only during heavy downpours. This is not a critical issue; however, roofing staff from Winnebago County will inspect the roof for potential leaks.

APPRAISAL / FACILITIES CONDITION ASSESSMENT UPDATES

Trustee Swan reported the Winnebago County Facilities and Property Management Committee made a recommendation that Winnebago County obtain an appraisal of the Fox Cities Campus building, which passed by a unanimous vote. Outagamie County Facilities Director Farrell reported that Outagamie County held discussion, however, no vote was taken.

REVIEW OF CIP PROJECTS (AS NECESSARY) – COUNTY FACILITIES DIRECTORS

This item was not discussed, as all projects are currently on hold.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS FOR A PERIOD OF 15 MINUTES (limit 4 minutes per speaker)

Cindy Duckert spoke in favor of retaining the Weis Earth Science Museum
Beth Braun spoke in favor of retaining the Weis Earth Science Museum
Ruth Mansukhani spoke in favor of retaining the Weis Earth Science Museum
Jim Morgenstern spoke in favor of retaining the Communication Arts Center (CAC)
Aubrey Schroeder spoke in favor of retaining the Child Care Center
Ashley Heiser spoke in favor of retaining the Child Care Center

CAMPUS UPDATES – COUNTY OFFICIALS

MOTION: CUFF / ULBRICHT MOVED TO PAUSE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND TAKE UP ITEM “XI. CAMPUS UPDATES” IN ORDER FOR COUNTY STAFF TO DISCUSS DUE TO PRIOR TIME COMMITMENTS. VOTE: AYE, UNANIMOUS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Outagamie County Executive Thomas Nelson reported that he and Winnebago County Executive Jon Doemel had a meeting last week with a potential community partner for the facility. The Executives are planning a tour with the interested party soon. The two counties are continuing efforts to take inventory of the buildings. Staff from UWO has been very cooperative throughout the process.

Austin Hammond, City of Menasha Mayor, stated that the loss of the campus is a travesty to the city and the students to provide local affordable education within the University of Wisconsin system. Hammond encouraged all those involved to “think outside the box” in order to seek the fullest potential for the campus.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS FOR A PERIOD OF 15 MINUTES (limit 4 minutes per speaker) - continued

Jennifer Buelow Fischer spoke in favor of retaining the Child Care Center

Richard Beal spoke in favor of retaining the Barlow Planetarium

Conley Hanson spoke in favor of retaining the campus building

Lucas Reinke spoke in favor of retaining the Child Care Center

TRUSTEES ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Trustee Chair Swan opened discussion regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees, reporting that the current role of the Trustees seems to be to approve invoices. Chair Swan questioned if the Trustees have been adhering to the agenda for the past two meetings, however, would like to remain transparent as there is concern regarding the future for all groups involved. Trustee Cuff stated that the input from the public is invaluable as long as the representatives that are making the decisions are receiving the input. Trustee Ulbricht expressed concern that there is no other outlet for public comments at this time.

POTENTIAL NAME CHANGE FOR THE UW OSHKOSH FOX CITIES CAMPUS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MOTION: CUFF / ULBRICHT MOVED TO KEEP THE CURRENT NAME OF THE TRUSTEES AND POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF A NAME CHANGE UNTIL DECEMBER 2025. VOTE: AYES; UNANIMOUS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

SCHEDULE AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR OCTOBER MEETING

- Presentation of invoices
- Appraisal / Facility Condition Assessment update

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: CUFF / ULBRICHT MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 2:10 P.M. UNTIL OCTOBER 28, 2024, AT 1:00 P.M. VOTE: AYES; UNANIMOUS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

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