

CHAIR'S REPORT

MARCH 9, 2020

Board of Trustees: The BOT meeting last month were committee meetings and not a full-board meeting. I am on the Executive Committee. We finalized the Norton Pediatric contract in open session. The remaining meetings were dealing with personnel issues and ongoing litigation so were conducted under executive session. I wish I could tell you more and will when I am able to.

Foundation Board Meeting: The S&P is one of the more recognized rating firms for investment operations. On Friday, February 28 they issued a A+ rating for the Foundation and mentioned the change to an OCIO model and also mentioned Prime Bucholz (our new investment guides) as a positive. OCIO is an acronym for Outsourced Chief Investment Officer.

Provost Search Committee: Glenn Gittings and I are representing the Staff Senate on the Provost Search committee. We had our organizational meeting and a national search is being launched. We have retained the same search firm that brought us Dr. Bendapudi so we are excited to see the candidates that our search will generate. Right now we are both reviewing over 50 applicants which is making for some very interesting reading, and lots of it! Every person on the search committee will turn in their top eight, but in no particular order, candidates today. The search firm will then compare the lists to see if there are a number of commonly listed candidates. That will guide our upcoming meeting schedule.

Construction Projects: Groundbreaking for the “new Miller Hall” or “dorm 1” as its being called is scheduled for April 21. With continued failure to meet deadlines and new information becoming available, the University has pulled out of the project we heard about for the new resident hall and retail merchant on 4th street where the small strip mall is now. More on this if anything new develops. There is also a RFP out for a new, 120 bed, resident hall that would be constructed on Floyd Street across from the Kueber Center. The project would be spearheaded by Athletics and not involve and University funds. It would become the residence of teams that utilize the Kueber Center for their practices, i.e. men’s and women’s basketball, field hockey, lacrosse, but per NCAA rules, a minimum of

51% of the beds available must be for students who are not athletic team members.

Meetings since February Senate Meeting

Monday, February 10, Neeli, 2:00 to 5:00 PM, President's Conference Room

Monday, February 10, Staff Senate, 2:30 PM, Ekstrom Library

Monday, February 17, Senate Leadership, 9:00 AM, MITC

Monday, February 17, Dr. Bendapudi, 1:30 PM, Grawemeyer Hall

Monday, February 24, BOT Executive Committee, 10:00 AM, Jefferson Room

Monday, February 24, Staff Senate Executive Committee, 3:00 PM, Ekstrom

Thursday, February 27, Dr. Bendapudi, 8:00 AM, Jefferson Room

Monday, March 2, Leadership Meeting, 9:00 AM, MITC