

Westside Association Meeting Minutes – August 6, 2015

Meeting called to order by President Connie Drexler @ 12:00pm

Introduction of Members

Speaker 1st on agenda due to time constraints.

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Andrew Leavitt who became the 11th chancellor of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh in November of 2014. Moved to Wisconsin from University of North Georgia where he held the position of Vice President for university advancement leading fundraising operations.

He is married to Karen, a registered nurse and has three grown children who live in Georgia.

Dr. Leavitt's number one goal is "students' success"! He has been amazed so far with his position here at UW-Oshkosh, in a good way. Feels UW-Oshkosh is a comprehensive institution with the opportunity of place and great power in the state. This so because of the region/location the university is in. He commented on how the business community affords opportunities for students by offering co-ops and internships.

With the current budget reductions UW-Oshkosh is in good financial structure which is commendable to Chancellor Wells. UW-Oshkosh will use reserves over a 3 year period. There is an estimate of 8% workforce reduction through attrition and retirement. An activity based budget model will be used. Rewarding innovation and being transparent to what's happening will transform a nimble, responsive and efficient system.

Student Impact - would like to see a short pathway and have students graduate in 4 years. Student services won't be as robust due to budget cuts. Example is 8 counselors versus 10 counselors on staff. Class choices will be impacted same way, 3 class choices versus 6 class choices.

State of Wisconsin is 18-20% behind in salary as compared to other University systems in the United States.

Did you know? Yes, UW-Madison is top 5 in research for University systems in the United States. And next year UW-Oshkosh will have their own garden fertilizer called Titan Gold.

No meeting in July 2015, no minutes needing approval.

Treasurer's Report: Just over \$7,100 in account. Last year at this time we were at \$5,600. \$2,000 approved for 2015 donations. Currently \$600 is unassigned. \$250 will go out in August to WI Literacy Council. They currently have a matching grant program.

Chamber Report: by Samantha (Nelson) Sanchez

Chamber News:

8/6/15 – Waterfest

8/10/15 – Chamber Golf Outing at Lake Breeze Golf Course

8/11/15 – Sales Club

8/12/15 – Final Live at Lunch

8/13/15 – Social Hub & Waterfest

8/19/15 – Business After Hours at Horicon Bank

98/27/15 - Waterfest

New Business:

Westside Association will sponsor a fall event on October 20th from 7:30am-9:00am at LaSures Hall. “Linked In for Business”, with author Wayne Breitbarth. Cost will be \$15.00 per person which includes receiving a copy of Mr. Breitbarth’s new book. Learn how to use Linked In for your business. This should be an awesome event as Mr. Breitbarth is a Linked In trainer, speaker and consultant.

January 2016 Westside Association will sponsor the Developers Panel, details forthcoming.

Next meeting 9/3/15

Adjourned 1:00pm

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