

October 2009

Message From the Chairperson

Welcome Back to Directors Council! This year, our theme is “**Celebrating our Successes and Moving Forward**”. In times of economic stress such as these, it’s always good to focus on what we have done well and how we might be able to use that as we go forward rather than on what we do not have.

We will kick off our **October 14th** meeting with a focus on how “WPU Fights the Flu”. Being prepared is important and preventing a widespread outbreak is even more. Jill Guzman will lead a panel that will discuss the different aspects of being prepared and how to help prevent it on our campus. Panel members include Jill Guzman, Dr. Steve Hahn, Eileen Lubeck and Denise Robinson Lewis. Do not miss this important meeting.

On **December 9th**, we will present “**Social Networking**”. More than you need to know about how administrative and academic departments are integrating social networking tools into their repertoire. Facebook, Twitter, Blogs and YouTube potential campus usage will be discussed.

On **February 10th**, we will discuss “**Mining WPU’s databases**”. We will look at how reports can be made to work for you – how to effectively identify and obtain good information from our Banner system.

Our last meeting of the year on **April 14th** will be on an important topic that affects us all: “Middle States Related Assessment” and we will look at the issues and concerns in gaining our Middle States accreditation.

PLEASE NOTE our new time to meet is from 10am to 12pm.

Coffee and tea will be served. We hope this new time will make it easier for you to join us. Come spend your morning with your fellow Directors and learn more about how you can make a difference at WPU.

October 14, 2009

10:00 -12 p.m.

University Commons Ballroom C
(Please note that the rest of the meetings will be in UC Ballroom A)

Agenda

- 9:30 Conversation & Coffee
- 10:00 Welcome, Introductions and Announcements
- 10:15 Director's Council Awards
- 10:30 Short Topics
- 11:00 Program
WPU Fights the Flu
- 12:00 Adjourn

Regular Meetings

October 14, 2009 December 9, 2009
February 10, 2010 April 14, 2010
University Commons Ballroom A
(except for 10/14/09)

Steering Committee Meetings

November 10, 2009 January 19, 2010
March 16, 2010 April 8, 2009

Directors Council Session with Academic Search Consultant and WPU Board Member

On September 10th, a special Directors Council session was held in which we were allowed to share our ideas, issues and concerns with the Dr. Tobie Van Der Vorm Academic Search Consultants and Robert H. Taylor, the Chair of the Presidential Search Committee and WPU Board of Trustees member. Prior to the meeting, the Directors Council Steering Committee developed a list of characteristics that we hope to find in our new President. This was shared with the entire Directors Council before the meeting. These included: Belief in and practice of good communication and transparency of actions; Well versed in technology and willing to move the campus and faculty forward in its usage – e.g. distance education; Vision, charisma, and a passion about

how to enhance our reputation and public persona; Willingness to make hard decisions – e.g. about academic program changes when we’re out of sync supporting programs with few students but not looking at how to better support other programs that are wait-listed; Experience in working with unions; Ability to tie budget to real planning, assessment and a greater transparency in management decisions; Willingness to take on legacy problems – e.g. the disproportionate allocation of scholarships (new student resource allocations versus returning student allocations). This document was shared with Dr. Van Der Vorm and Mr. Taylor. They were very appreciative to have a concrete document to work from. Furthermore, as others on the Directors Council added

their suggestions, they busily took notes. We were listened to.

Other suggestions included trying to find someone who will not just use WPU as a stepping-stone for his/her own career. We need someone who will stick with us. The President needs to be aware of the political scene in New Jersey, but not mired in it – someone who is politically savvy.

Finally, it was noted that WPU is poised on the brink of really moving forward. We are about to have our first Doctoral Program. We have a new Student Center and a new Science Building will shortly be coming on line. This is a great opportunity for somebody to come in and while celebrating our past successes, move forward to a bigger and better WPU.

Director's Council

<p>2009 – 2011 Officers:</p> <p>Chairperson: Sandie Miller Vice Chairperson: Kim Daniel-Robinson Secretary: Margaret Meth Provost Representative: Steve Hahn</p>	<p>STEERING COMMITTEE</p> <p>Kim Daniel-Robinson Jeffrey Floyd Margaret Meth Sandie Miller Kathleen Muldoon Jill Guzman Amanda Vasquez Lou Poandl Martin Williams Yuri Marder John I. Sims</p>	<p>ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE</p> <p>Martin Williams - Chairperson Anne Ciliberti Danielle Liautaud Nancy Norris-Bauer Donna Potacco Lou Poandl Ken Schneider</p>
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Director's Council members can join a committee by contacting Sandie Miller at ext. 2530 or millers@wpunj.edu.

Special Events/Programs

- **The New Jersey Association of New Student Advocates Conference 2009**
The Changing Student in a Changing World
October 30, 2009
William Paterson University
- **The 9th Annual William Paterson University LGBTQA Leadership Conference**
Forty Years After Stonewall: Envisioning Social Justice and Inclusion
November 5, 2009
- **The Annual New Jersey Diversity Issues in Higher Education Conference**
“Diversity Initiatives: Facing the Challenges of Tough Times ”
November 13, 2009
New Jersey Institute of Technology
Co-sponsor - William Paterson University

The mission of the William Paterson University Director's Council is to facilitate ongoing communication between Directors, provide review, comment and guidance on WPUNJ programs, policies and regulations, and to encourage collaboration in support of the WPUNJ mission and Student Success Plan. In pursuit of this mission, the Director's Council provides professional development opportunities for members promoting life-long learning, reflection and excellence.

If you have any announcements/events that you would like considered for inclusion in the newsletter, please forward them to:

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