

Directors' Council
General Meeting Minutes
Student Center, Room 168A & B
December 10, 2015

10:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Jeff Floyd, Directors' Council Chair

- Mr. Floyd provided Welcome Remarks to the attendees including the introduction of new member Daisy Rodriguez, Associate Director for the Center for Counseling Health & Wellness and invited speaker Lynette Butler, Coordinator for Office of Veteran & Military Affairs
- Nancy Weiner, Assistant Director, Access and Information Services for the David and Lorraine Cheng Library announced that the Cheng Library is now open 24 hours until 7pm Friday, December 18, 2015 for the final exam period; Saturday. Jane Stein, Director, University Performing Arts announced that December 19, 2015 is the last performance in Shea Auditorium this semester. Tickets are still available for the December 19th concert featuring Judy Collins.

10:03 a.m. Sharon Rosengart, Professional Development Committee Chair introduced the committee members as well as Dr. Sandra Miller, Deputy CIO and Director of Instruction and Research Technology.

10:04 a.m. Presentation on Active Learning Classrooms by Dr. Sandra Miller

- University Hall, the newly constructed academic building, will feature two active learning classrooms featuring a special table setup to facilitate group work, with a display screen at each location.
- The Learning Spaces Committee has done significant research and was very involved in the space design of the new hall.
- An active learning institute will be conducted for all faculty who will be utilizing these classrooms. The next one scheduled is March 4, 2016.
- A video about the benefit of active learning was also shown.

10:30 a.m. Invited Speaker Lynette Butler, Coordinator for Office of Veteran & Military Affairs

- Currently 178 student veterans are enrolled, with 132 using GI Bill benefits, at William Paterson University. This number is based on self-identification and is expected to grow. National best practices recommends that 30% be added for a more realistic picture of enrollment after military service.
- Veterans serving four years in Iraq or Afghanistan will result in full tuition and a housing allowance until degree completion.
- Many student veterans have difficulty transitioning to life on a college campus, especially when medical issues like traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder are factored in.
- Omega Theta Sigma is the recently established co-educational fraternity for veteran students. Also there is a veteran student organization which has partnered with several other clubs for events this semester.
- The turnout for events during Veteran Students Week was disappointing and member of the Directors' Council were asked to assist with promoting attendance at upcoming events in the Spring 2016 semester.

11:00 a.m. Dr. Jonathan Lincoln, Associate Provost discussed the Importance of Civic Engagement

- William Paterson University is one of the founding members of the New Jersey Campus Compact and one of the few colleges in NJ that requires a civic engagement day.
- Goals have been set to have 75% of all students participate in three low level activities (volunteering, collection drives, etc.) and one high level activity (activity and reflection on personal or community impact) prior to graduation.
- Several faculty are involved with campus projects like the American Democracy Project and Constitution Day, which are focused on growing civic engagement among our students.

11:35 a.m. Directors' Council Members were invited to a tour of University Hall led by Carl Petit, Construction Project Manager.

12:00 p.m. The Meeting was adjourned.