

Directors' Council  
Meeting Minutes  
University Commons, Room 171 A & B  
April 20, 2016

10:04 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Jeff Floyd, Directors' Council Chair

- Welcome Remarks and Recognition of New Attendees (guests)
- Announcements and Reminder about Directors' Council Awards Nominations
- Directors' Council Scholarship fundraising update
  - We are just over halfway to the goal!
  - Please make checks payable to the William Paterson University Foundation and use the memo line to declare monies for the Directors' Council Scholarship.

10:10 a.m. Jeff Floyd introduced Dr. Stephan Hahn, Associate Provost.

10:11 a.m. Presentation on the Middle States Periodic Review Report by Dr. Stephen Hahn

- Dr. Hahn provided an overview of the importance of the Periodic Review Report (PRR) and encouraged the Directors' Council members to respond to the document via the email previously sent to the WPU faculty and staff.
- PRR reviews take place every five years; the goal is to show progress from one review period to the next. This report is meant to show progress from the 2011 report and give a starting point for the next review which is slated to begin in 2021.

10:38 a.m. A special thank you was given to Maribel Rodriguez and Donna Minnich-Spuhler, as well as Student Government Association and the Campus Activities, Service and Leadership staff for making the donation drive for Paterson Cares such a success.

10:39 a.m. Denise Robinson-Lewis presented an overview of the remainder of today's agenda before introducing student Hassanah Smith, who spoke on the importance of Civic Engagement in her life as well as her civic involvement in her time at William Paterson University.

10:47 a.m. Presentation on Paterson Cares community organization by Kenneth Simmons (Vice President of Paterson Cares) and Roger Grier (WPU Physical Plant staff member and Vice President of Paterson Cares).

- After introducing the Executive Board and giving a brief history of its' creation, Mr. Simmons explained the importance of outreach to homeless citizens as well as those families living paycheck to paycheck within the city of Paterson.
- An average of 22 thousand sandwiches are distributed each year by Paterson Cares. In addition recently personal care products, blankets and clothing have been incorporated in the weekly donation outings.
- Roger Grier shared a slideshow of winter outreach efforts and contact information for the Go Fund Me page. Volunteers are always needed every Saturday morning.

11:05 a.m. Packaging donated items for Paterson Cares by all attendees

11:35 a.m. Closing Remarks from Jeff Floyd, Directors' Council Chair

- Over 400 personal care and snack baggies were created and prepared for donation to Paterson Cares after the campus-wide donation drive and today's efforts.
- Attendees agreed this was the "most inspirational" meeting to date.
- Paterson Cares Executive Board members Yolanda La Rosa and Kenneth Simmons made generous donations in support of the Directors' Council Scholarship.
- The next meeting will be the end of year celebration and awards program on June 9, 2016.