

Directors' Council  
Meeting Minutes  
October 20, 2015

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

- Welcome Remarks
- Introduction of President Waldron

10:05 a.m. Keynote Speaker William Paterson University President Kathleen Waldron

- President Waldron presented several updates to the audience members:
- Graduation 2016:
  - Dates are still being negotiated for the Undergraduate ceremony at Prudential Center.
  - The Graduate ceremony will be separated and held on campus during the evening in Shea Auditorium.
- Financial status:
  - New Jersey state appropriation has fallen.
  - Tuition rose slightly this year.
  - Public Higher Education funding is at the same level now as New York and Connecticut, two states that suffered education budget cuts that have now rebounded.
  - New academic building will be opening in January – one semester early!
- Enrollment;
  - First Year enrollment numbers were reviewed
- Student Demographic:
  - WPU reached designation as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI). Our Hispanic student population is now 25%.
  - Two thirds of the total student population are commuters.
- Other topics mentioned were:
  - National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) will be conducted in Spring 2016.
  - Special “Thank You” issued to Ken Schneider and team for the One Stop Shop setup in Morrison Hall, the creation of which came out of the results from a previous NSSE.

- Introduction and viewing of the New Hire orientation video.
  - Special “Thank You” issued to Desyra Highsmith and Sandra Miller for the creation and production of this film.

10:40 a.m. New Member Introduction, News and Updates provided by Denise Robinson Lewis, Directors’ Council Vice Chair

- Seven new members introduce themselves and were welcomed by their peers and colleagues:

Donna Minnich Spuhler  
 Glenda Almeida  
 Michael Russo  
 Michael Yakubov

Joelle Tutela  
 Yvette Viera-Villanueva  
 Rebecca Kalejaye

- Sharon Rosengart announced the Career Fair taking place on October 21, 2015
- Jill Guzman announced the Breast Cancer Walk taking place today
- Denise Robinson Lewis announced updates to the Directors’ Council webpage

10:43 a.m. “ 25 Live” Update was presented by Pam Fueshko, Director Technology Services

- Log in with WP Connect credentials, using Google Chrome
- Every campus location is entered into the database for reservations
- No academic spaces will be released for reservations until after the add-drop period ends each semester
- Please be specific about audio/visual requests when making reservations
- There will be an eventual rollout to the campus-wide calendar
- A You Tube training video is coming soon
- Specific training can be requested via Help Desk ticket system

11:05 a.m. *Does Recognition Matter? Expanding our Culture of Appreciation* presented by Desyra Highsmith, Associate Director of Human Resources

- A short video was presented entitled “*Why Recognition Matters*”.
- The WP P.R.I.D.E. Staff Excellence Awards Program was reviewed.

11:30 a.m. Questions, Next Meeting Overview and Wrap-Up conducted by Jeff Floyd, Directors’ Council Chair

- Attendees were reminded of the next meeting date- December 10, 2015.

11:35 a.m. Meeting was adjourned by Jeff Floyd, Directors’ Council Chair