

(APPROVED)

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMISSION SPECIAL
MEETING OF March 14, 2018

Chair Rozar called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Earll, Rozar, Spiros, Pliml, Poeschel, Machon, and Breu.

Absent: Meyer, Montgomery.

Also present: Michelle Boernke, Brian Panzer, Marcie Koziczowski and Gretel Stock-Kupperman. Chancellor Bernie Patterson joined the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Rozar declared a quorum present.

There were no public comments.

The meeting began with introductions, followed by Dean Stock-Kupperman noting the belief she has in strong communities at the two-year campuses. She noted a need for strategic planning and for broad leadership. Chair Rozar opened the floor for discussion.

Discussion centered around:

- Funding
- Expanded and increased programming and capacity
- Joint student enrollment
- Tuition cost
- Being advocates in petitioning the State for greater funding of higher education
- Integration with the local medical facility
- Campus leadership who would be a liaison to UW-Stevens Point, possibly 50% community and 50% campus operation responsibilities – this individual should be an established, recognizable individual, with internal candidates given priority consideration
- An integration model of faculty joined in single departments from each of the three campuses

- Facility services, human resources, and informational technology centered at UW-Stevens Point.

Chancellor Patterson discussed:

- Reasons for low enrollment at UW-Stevens Point, UW-Marathon County and UW-Marshfield/Wood County
- Plans to assist students to graduate in four years, rather than five, including major changes in general education curriculum
- Potential initiation of pre-doctorate and doctorate of physical therapy.
- Campus naming.
- Athletics, which helps with recruitment and retention.
- Outreach

Overall, the Chancellor asked Commission members to encourage support among their colleagues at the City and County, especially with the campus naming issue. He reiterated his belief that the number one focus is to keep this campus open.

An action item will be on the May agenda for the Commission to decide whether or not to write a letter of support for a campus name change to The University of Wisconsin Stevens Point: Marshfield Campus.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Minutes taken by Marcie Kozickowski for Rebecca Spiros, Secretary.