



PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
December ,12021 -9:00a.m.  
Miller Administration Boardroom and Zoom

PRESENT:

Dr. Brad Mortensen, President

Dr. Norm Tarbox, Vice President for Administrative Affairs

Dr. Ravi Krovi, Provost

Dr. Bret Ellis, Vice President for Information Technology

Dr. Betsy Mennell, Vice President for University Advancement (via Zoom)

Dr. Brett Perozzi, Vice President for Student Affairs

Ms. Adrienne Andrews, Assistant Vice President for Diversity & Chief Diversity Officer (via Zoom)

Ms. Sherri Cox, Secretary to the Board

Mr. Steven Richardson, Director of Strategic Initiatives

Dr. Laine Berghout, Faculty Senate Chair/Professor/Chemistry

Dr. Gail Niklason, Staff Advisory Council Chair

Ms. Stephanie Hollist, Deputy General Counsel

## Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by President Brad Mortensen, who welcomed all in attendance.

## Agenda Items

### Meeting Minutes Approval (November 3 2021):

Meeting minutes from November 3, 2021, were reviewed by the President's Council. The minutes were approved.

### **Alternate PC Meeting Dates:**

President Mortensen discussed upcoming start times for Presidents Council meetings for February and March, 2022, due to conflicts with legislative meetings.

*Approval:* The start time for President's Council meetings for February and March 2022, will be moved to 10:00 a.m.

### **President's Diversity Advisory Council:**

President Mortensen discussed membership of the University Diversity Advisory Council as per recommendations by consultant Dr. Reggie Blaylock. He introduced the different department representatives comprising the council, and those who have volunteered for faculty positions. Charters and directives will come from the Blaylock report. The president will ask the council to help us contextualize what is in the Blaylock report and include initiatives in our "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" section of the Strategic Plan. Administrator positions need to be selected with meetings taking place soon as education on free speech, discrimination laws, and other topics needs to take place. This council will be facilitated by the president's office.

### **Davis-Morgan-Weber K16 Legislative Briefing:**

President Mortensen gave a briefing on the Davis-Morgan-Weber K16 Joint Legislative Breakfast held on Nov. 29 at Davis campus. School district superintendents and boards, technical colleges and boards, WSU Board of Trustees, and Weber, Davis, and Morgan county legislators were invited to attend. The objective was to show unity among the groups to legislators. This event replaced the need for each school district or higher education institution to individually host a breakfast. The superintendents and presidents addressed different legislative priorities collaboratively. The McKay Education building renovation project was also addressed by President Brush from Davis Tech and Superintendent Rasmussen from Ogden School District. The event seemed successful, and there will be several follow up meetings afterward as Devin Wisner will be setting up appointments to meet with the committee for the infrastructure project.

## Reports:

President Mortensen discussed the following reports

### a. AASCU Highlights

FY2022 Appropriations- The proposed Build Back Better bill and the proposed FY 22 federal budget appropriation include funding to increase the Pell grant

award by \$950 which could be a big impact in the future.

b. USHE Highlights

The Council of President's (COP) meeting, COP retreat, and Utah Board of Higher Education meeting review took place. Among the items discussed include the new USHE online initiative. After discussion on this subject at the meetings, the Board made the decision to create a task force to work with St. Wyatt's working group.

advisors. A negative part of the review concerned assessment and needing to do a better job of closing the loop. They also need to manage required and elective courses better. One of their goals is to start a master's program. A seven