

MINUTES OF THE FULL FACULTY AND
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
October 21, 2014

Prof. Alistair Lees, Chemistry, called the Full Faculty meeting to order at 11:48 a.m. in UU Old Union Hall. He welcomed President Harvey G. Stenger and turned the meeting over to him.

President Stenger began his report to the Full Faculty meeting attendees. See attached PowerPoint presentation for details.

Questions and answers:

- Q: Prof. Julian Shepherd, Biology and chair of Committee for the University Environment – We all appreciate the Nature Preserve for how special it is. There is a vast population of deer. We have lost many trees, herbs, and wildflowers due to the deer. CUE submitted an extensive report which documents these events and various solutions, one of which was to cull the deer. The U.S. Forest Service and the Department of Environmental Conservation validated this report. President Stenger was unwilling to cull the deer. We feel that the Nature Preserve is in great danger and we are at an impasse. What can we do next?
- A: President Stenger responded that this was presented to him when he first arrived on campus. The planned culling was stopped by a court injunction as we had not filed the proper paperwork. President Stenger wanted to find out what the problem was and hired a firm to do an extensive measurement of the deer population. He feels this was a good survey with accurate results which showed 260 deer over two square miles. Many deer were in the neighborhoods and relatively few in the Nature Preserve. President Stenger believes that culling would not be successful. We received 10,000 emails protesting this action and he feels if it was done, it would be a significant disruption on campus and also a difficult event to hold every year. President Stenger offers to help in any other way other than culling.
- Q: Sandra Michael, Biology – What is the status of the Pharmacy School, where is the funding, how long will this take, and what are plans?
- A: President Stenger – We have \$10 million for the purchase of the property, demolition of the existing building, and design of the new building. We have a promise from Governor Cuomo that he will provide an additional \$50 million, and we are also hoping to raise about \$2 million. We are now reviewing candidates for a dean. The dean will then hire two department chairs (clinical and research) and then hire faculty. There will be expenditures that will not covered by tuition which we will need to take care of. We expect to have our first class in the fall 2017. Provost Nieman and Dean Strehle have been working very hard on this.
- Q: Prof. Fernando Guzman, Math – We have heard that the search for the Pharmacy dean will be done behind closed doors and there will be no meetings on campus. Is this true?
- A: President Stenger – We are now reviewing candidates. We are trying to attract the best person possible. Some candidates are sitting deans of existing pharm schools, so we are trying to keep it closed and confidential for the moment, but faculty will be involved in meeting the final candidates.
- Q: Prof. Scott Craver, Electrical and Computer Engineering – With the increase of undergraduate enrollment, there will be a need for increased classroom space. What is the plan for this and how successful will we be in meeting these goals?
- A: President Stenger – We expect a 25% increase in seats from the fall of 2012 to the fall of 2016. We will bring classrooms on line as fast as we can. Moving Geography out of

Student Wing was a big step. Construction on the Student Wing will start in January. Spring semester will be tough and we have asked departments to assist with this

