

Special Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 13, 2017

Time: 4:00 pm

GHW: Room 252/263

I. Meeting called to order by Faculty Senate President Gary Renz. Meeting to be a 'Town Hall' forum including President Stroble and Provost Schuster.

II. Announcements: None

III. Discussion of Questions by faculty members:

- Outlook of domestic campuses and the use of WebNet+
J. Schuster comments that Webster University need to make decisions about whether to open new campuses and if so, where to locate them. Online classes make this tricky. The University needs to decide where, whom and how to serve the need.
- Enrollment decline and marketing suggestions: Transfer students are Webster's largest loss in population; Webster needs to call past prospective students to find out why they did not choose us.
J. Schuster believes that GCP requirements are part of the problem with transfer enrollment.
- Budgetary challenges according to Moody's Investor Service
B. Stroble points out that the stable to negative rating does not change Webster's bond standing and comments that endowment is growing by leaps and bounds.
- International Campuses – are we One Webster? Are courses based on St. Louis campus courses and is there uniformity internationally or are they doing what they want? Who is controlling the curriculum?
J. Schuster says that uniformity of curriculum needs to be upheld, but President Stroble says that standardization will not work and that campuses need to work in harmony.

Meeting adjourned 5:00 p.m.