Attending: Scott Olson, Connie Gores, Nancy Jannik, Kenneth Janz, Jim Schmidt, Scott Ellinghuysen, Lori Reed, Tracy Rahim, Alex Kromminga, Tania Schmidt, Kate Parsi, Chad Kjorlien, Jill Quandt

The Chronicle’s Great Colleges for Which to Work 2012
Lori Reed reported that WSU data was received in August but that its analysis is not yet complete. It is known that Winona State did not qualify for the top-10 of great colleges for which to work. Lori plans to complete the data review and compile a report, which she will relay to Cabinet in January.

Change of Grade Methods
Revision to the date for the grade change method was discussed:
- Administration was also unaware of any change in the method and plans to look into the process.
- Kate Parsi forwarded an email from Beth Sass, dated August 13, that stated the change in method was discussed in June 2011 but the email contained little specific information.
- Administration re-affirmed that it would look into the change further and report back to ASF leadership.

University Financial Statement and Audit
Scott Ellinghuysen updated the group on the university’s annual financial statement and audit:
- The audit review took place in October; while the finding are still unqualified, WSU’s statement received the best possible review.
- Our score of 2.98 (on a scale of 10) is in keeping with most public universities – a score of above 2 clears an institution of further review.
- Final findings remain unresolved since the state borrowed funds from MnSCU that have not yet been repaid; the fiscal year books cannot be closed before the debt is repaid (although MnSCU is confident that state will eventually respond).
- Public universities in good standing usually maintain a reserve of approximately 5-7 percent; this is also MnSCU policy which Winona State is following.

In additional financial news, WSU was granted its $2.25 million bonding request for Kryzsko Commons. President Olson commented that the university is “in a nice spot” financially.

Academic Affairs Updates
Nancy Jannik reported that administration is discussing whether WSU remain committed to the Voluntary System of Accounting (VSA): is the dashboard of learning outcomes effective?

The HLC Steering Committee is close to bringing its proposal for a new charge to Cabinet. They foresee that the committee’s function will be closer to that of an all-university committee.

A MnSCU strategic framework initiative will allocate $23,500 for proposals, which institutions must match. WSU will apply to create a learning community centered around Child Advocacy Studies.

Next Meeting
The next Meet and Confer is scheduled for Tuesday, December 18, at 10 a.m.

Minutes submitted by (from notes by Kate Parsi):
Brett Ayers, ASF Secretary
December 6, 2012