PPBC Minutes for 5/1/14

Present: Alejandro Acevedo-Gutierrez, Edoh Amiran, Bob Mitchell, Phil Nelson, David Patrick, Takele Seda, Jeff Young.

Absent: Amanda Murphy, Arunas Oslapas

Visitor: Dean Wright

Dean's Report:

Hiring:
– 22 total searches, hired 12 faculty, 8 failed and will resume in fall, 1 pending offer and one pending interview. Next year 8 to 11 possible searches.
– No salary movement between colleges. All such movement will be between departments in the college.
– Nearly 1/3 of the faculty in CST was hired in the last 10 years.

Other notes:
– Foundation is changing the way it does business. DeNel is working well with the college.
  Two major gifts secured by working with departments.
– There is a new research department working to identify wealth potential.
– Working toward getting Freshman scholarships to help attract top students to Western.
– Transition from “External Advisory” to “Advocacy Group”
– There is a new manager of the CAP program
– Briefly discussed Fink report. Poor assumptions at foundation of the report.

Budget:
– Processing nearing end
– NTT money still an issue
– Pressing issues:
  Teaching infrastructure resources
  One time emerging needs running out of money: Covers retention offers, research project bailout, environmental issues. XP conversion cost around $150K.

Other PPBC Business:

Approved 3/11/14 Minutes.
Discussed Dean candidate meetings. Will have about 20 Minutes. Crafted threee questions to ask every Dean candidate.

Respectfully submitted, Phil Nelson