Welcome from Provost Butler - Regular communication is encouraged.

TIER Academic Cases/next steps
The Academic Business Case is behind in regards to the other business cases. We are currently identifying best practices and how to implement them. Some of these discussions are on student success, classroom scheduling, online distance education, retention and graduation rates. Most classrooms are scheduled with each department taking priority for its use, but they can be used by other departments. Retention rates were assessed if they were lower than 86% in ratings and first generation were also reviewed. The University of Iowa online distance learning courses began sharing their courses with Iowa State and University of Northern Iowa students. Collaborative classes will be the biggest success. We currently have ten students in a pilot program. It is similar to a summer course or similar to transferring the course.

Strategic Plan draft/next steps
The UI Strategic Plan is now posted online and the planning group is asking for feedback and communication to identify issues. https://provost.uiowa.edu/strategic-plan-2016-2021 The Board of Regents originally requested a draft by July 5, but a final version is to be approved at the October 2016 Board of Regent meeting.

Strategy Implementation Team (SIT)/Operations Team (OT)
The Path Forward process will continue receiving input on ideas that have been submitted to date, as well as accepting new ideas going forward. This is now a three step process:
1. Agree on issues to be tracked and managed;
2. Develop clear strategic and execution plans; and
3. Build ongoing accountability.

Each fall, items will be prioritized and the cycle will continue. A budgeting process task force is being added to the other four established task forces on the SIT. This will be comprised of people who are familiar with the budgeting process and how to bring it forward to implementation. In the future submitting ideas on the website can be done by any constituent, but for now, they are asking the governing bodies to filter these ideas and submit them by priority.
Fall Enrollment
We have 500+ additional students this fall over last fall.

Campus planning for incoming class
Our biggest challenge is general education courses. There will be a need to expand first year seminars; connect the student with other students and faculty; and increase supplemental instruction for courses that are typically more difficult. Increasing the budget for tutoring is also being looked at in areas such as the writing center for our rhetoric classes. The university is leasing a new apartment building close to the Sheraton Hotel until the Madison Street residence hall opens to accommodate the increase in students. There are currently six or seven apartment complexes leased by UI for housing. Those could phase out with the new residence hall being built. Having the students lease from the university could be a good transition into the rental market with the support of having a resident advisor at these properties. The dorms are doubling and tripling their room occupancy for this year to accommodate the influx of new students until housing is more available. Starting the Pharmacy building project this year was an important decision, as the funding was provided, so it was decided to continue with the tear down of the Quadrangle. There are no new updates on the 'athletic' dorm at this time.

Iowa Center for Higher Education (ICHE, fka AIB)
Lon Moeller is the point of contact, along with Tom Rice who is the central person in Des Moines. A 2+2 arrangement is being looked at for this campus. This campus may be more appealing to a non-traditional student as an urban commuter school. The hopes are to have 15-16 courses for next year. MA and MBA programs will continue to be taught at the John Pappajohn Center in downtown Des Moines. There has been some speculation that ICHE won’t have the same program requirements as Iowa, however, this is false. They will have the same requirements as a UI student. ICHE is a facility for all three schools. Iowa State and UNI are still in the planning phase of what they’d like to offer as part of this opportunity. The entire 3rd floor is 10,000 sq. feet of classroom. 6,000 sq. feet each of classroom space is also located in two other buildings. The Des Moines community is embracing Iowa. We want our summer courses to be unique to Iowa, not duplicating what DMACC is already offering. Plans are to meet with DMACC and discuss what each school hopes to offer. The Board of Regents is also very complementary on our plans for ICHE.

Proposed Tuition Increase
The proposed tuition increase will be voted on during the Board of Regents meeting next week. It would go into effect this fall if passed. Engineering and Business will have increases in their tuition supplements. If it goes through as proposed, we would have an increase of about $8 million recurring dollars in our budget. What is the translation of dollars to services? A number of areas requested more money for services due to more student enrollment but everything is tentative until the board decision. There is always compromise. With all the new buildings opening, this brings a large increase in spending that needs to be considered.

VP for HR Kevin Ward Comments - absent

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 21, 2016; 1:00 - 2:00 PM; 111 JH