

## UA Board of Trustees Information Session - Monday, April 10, 2017

The meeting opened up at 8:40 a.m. by Chair Bauer. He gave an overview of the reason for the information sessions and past and current session topics. The Chair then asked the President to give more information on the topics that were planned for the sessions.

- Text Book Affordability
- Ohio Plan
- Personal Costs
- Athletics
- Energy Consumption

Text Book Affordability – This is coming out of the Governor’s office. There has been a second plan introduced to the Ohio House. The first plan had language of textbooks for \$300. a semester. The new language presented to the Ohio House talks about a decrease in textbook cost 10% per year for the next 5 years. It is a wait game at this point to see if and what parts the Ohio House will act on.

Ohio Plan – This is a program that the state and the Ohio Board of Education has started as a way to increase tuition and fees. This increase must be in line with the cost of living and will hold for the cohort as they matriculate at UA. A university must schedule a meeting with Columbus and go over their plan prior to getting approved.

Personal Costs – Dr. Harvey Sterns spoke on behalf of UC Talent Development about current pay rates and pay increases. He spoke at some positions at currently paid at 2006 levels and below. He also mentioned that non-bargaining units have not received increases since 2014. Both Chair Bauer and President Wilson thanked Dr. Sterns for the remarks and recognized that this is a big issue for UA. The President mentioned that UA is trying hard to recognize non-bargaining but money is very tight at this point and it will be hard for UA to give pay increases at this time. If there are ideas on how to recognize non-bargaining employees with low cost to please let him know.

Athletics - This was a topic that was talked about at a previous information session. The Chair of the Board gave a quick review of the last talk and information on the hiring of the new Men’s Basketball Coach.

Energy Consumption – The President has asked Ernst & Young to look at way UA can save on energy consumption.

The rest of the meeting was spent on discussion between members of the BOT, UC, Faculty Senate and USG. For the most part the conversations were very positive and informational. There will be two meetings schedule for the Fall semester. The meeting ended a little after 10:30 a.m.