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Over the weekend I did watch the last BOT meeting.

I have to amend, or add to the role that i perceive that Martha is playing, after the watch and some more input from folks closer to this than I have been for months.

I have not heard of the results of the BOT private or public meetings today, so I may have to amend again.

Martha's report to the Board is at the very last. Excellent report, in my opinion. She reported on the goals she had established and provided numbers as well as narrative in a business-like manner.

Chair Lewis Bear flashed what I think was the most heartfelt and genuine grin of the whole day, having seen and heard some genuine results of recovery efforts in resetting academic standards after the un or ill advised adventures in raising enrollment by lowering standards that has wrecked several careers and that may wreck Judy Bense yet.

The problems at UWF are very long-standing, preceding both Bense and certainly Saunders leadership.

My opinion is that all public universities in the South - and beyond - have suffered from political goons, mostly in Legislatures. And I can go on (or goon), but won't now.

Saunders and George Ellenberg and others in the Provost/Academic Affairs side of things are doing work a cut above what has been coming out of the executive, pr and certainly the legal side of administration.

It is a long hard slog under the best of shared leadership, but UWF "ain't got none of that goin' on"

So my take is that that many of the few positive and effective actions that have come over the last couple of years has come from Provost/Academic Affairs - Martha's team.

Anyway, those are my impressions for all that the \$ 0.02 may be worth.

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From the Editor:

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