

Tuesday, August 16, 2011 DEANS' COUNCIL Meeting Minutes

Present: Mike Cron, Steve Durst, Fritz Erickson, Don Flickinger, Cheryl Cluchey for Don Green, Julie Coon, Robin Hoisington, Karen Strasser, Michelle Johnston, Ron McKean, Randall Schroeder for Leah Monger, Jim Woolen for Dave Nicol, Bill Potter, Robbie Teahen

Karen Strasser presented justification for the replacement of three tenure-track faculty positions: F11363 in Biochemistry, F11042 in Pure or Applied Mathematics and F11107 in Social Work (handouts). After discussion concluded, the vote was unanimous for the CAS to begin the HAF process to replace these positions.

Mike Cron presented justification for the replacement of F21526, a tenure-track faculty position in the Michigan College of Optometry (handout). After discussion concluded, the vote was unanimous for the MCO to begin the HAF process to replace this position.

Don Flickinger and Fritz Erickson discussed the need for a contingency plan regarding FNTFO negotiations.

Fritz Erickson discussed the August 22nd Retention Summit and encouraged the Deans to remind their colleges of this important event and encouraged all to attend.

Round table

Steve Durst discussed matters important to Pharmacy enrollment and outlined the College of Pharmacy's approach to addressing these concerns including opportunities for marketing and reviewing admissions criteria and retention issues. Plans are also in place to search for a College of Pharmacy Assistant Dean for Admissions.

Mike Cron discussed the MCO's plans to review marketing opportunities.

Michelle Johnston announced that a representative from Academic Partnerships, a higher education service company, will be in her office on August 25th at 10am to discuss online learning and support. She extended an invitation for anyone interested to join them.

Robbie Teahen announced that the implementation of Blackboard 9.1 is moving forward, and she will provide software information to the Deans' Council when it is available.

Karen Strasser invited all interested individuals to attend the CAS's Summer Research Seminar scheduled on Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in SCI 120 (with a reception to follow). This event is offered to help bring faculty interested in research experiences together to talk about collaborations.

Bill Potter was pleased to announce that 345 honors students are enrolled this Fall Semester.

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Bill Potter has been deeply involved in several articulation projects and continues to learn about the many agreements and various issues related to articulation.

Ron McKean discussed Debbie Dawson's recent interview by Channel 9&10 news personnel regarding the Energy Program. He also shared positive enrollment information from several programs in the CET including WELD, HVAC, MECH and ARCH, and said that the Auto Management Program is preparing to include online courses. Ron was also excited about the recent collaboration with Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City involving surveying and mapping of some bay areas, as well as the CET's work toward offering a program in Hydrographic Surveying

Julie Coon discussed the launching of a quality online pilot project. Julie also spoke about a recent opportunity to meet with the Behavior Review Team. She was very impressed about how quickly the team approached all issues.

Randall Schroeder announced that there recently has been some collection reorganization in FLITE and encouraged the deans to have their faculty contact their library liaison to make sure they know of any new room numbers, etc. and to make sure their syllabi list correct FLITE locations and contacts.

Randall also discussed the online FLITE tutorials (especially the new PILOT) accessible from the FLITE webpage. Requesting that students go through these tutorials would be a good classroom research assignment. Go to <http://www.ferris.edu/library/Instruction/tutorial.html> and click on the PILOT logo in the upper left-hand corner to access them.

Don Flickinger distributed information regarding in-process and incomplete grades taken from the Student Handbook. In-progress grades (IP) are to be used only when a course is such that the work of a student can be evaluated only after two or more terms and requires approval of the Dean and Provost. Additionally, letter grades should be established versus only assigning an incomplete (I) grade. Please encourage your faculty to refer to this link for complete information: <http://www.ferris.edu/admissions/registrar/schdbook/page17-18.htm>

Robin Hoisington announced that candidate interviews for the Communications Specialist/Special Events Coordinator position are being scheduled. She also said that the Provost's Office has established new student employee guidelines for dress-code and office behaviors, and they are currently interviewing student employee candidates for the upcoming school year. Robin is on the search committee for the Physical Plant Custodial Supervisor, so there are times that she will be out of the office in the future.

Submitted by Robin Hoisington