

DEANS' COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Present: Mindy Baumgartner, Julie Coon, Mike Cron, Steve Durst, Fritz Erickson, Don Flickinger, Don Green, Robin Hoisington, Michelle Johnston, Ron McKean, Leah Monger, Dave Nicol, Bill Potter, Karen Strasser, Robbie Teahen, Kim Wilber

Guests: Mike McKay, FSU Safety Coordinator and Chris Weber, Manager of Risk Management/Insurance, to discuss OSHA Compliance in academic classrooms
Piram Prakasam, Director of the Office of International Education, to discuss an activity for the upcoming International Festival
Mike Hughes, Associate Vice President, to discuss Physical Plant Services

OSHA Compliance in Academic Classrooms

Mike McKay and Chris Weber discussed laboratory safety and stressed the importance of retaining health and safety of students and employees as a high priority in academics. A group will be put together to review safety issues and identify a contact to visit college laboratories and review safety issues. Don Flickinger noted that one-time dollars will be identified to assist with safety issues.

International Festival Quiz Bowl

Piram Praksam discussed the upcoming International Festival and outlined the idea of an academic "Quiz Bowl" activity with involvement of the deans, who supported the idea.

Physical Plant Services/Open Communications with the Deans' Council

Mike Hughes met with the Deans' Council to discuss ways to further open lines of communication between the Physical Plant and the Division of Academic Affairs. He distributed a draft Physical Plant Handbook of Services document and asked for input and feed-back prior to finalizing the document. Mike expressed a desire to regularly meet with the DC and it was decided that he would plan to attend a meeting of the DC once per semester.

Student Debt Subcommittee Update Report

Bill Potter presented an update report from the Student Debt Subcommittee. The deans reviewed a draft Academic Policy letter regarding student debt and were asked to meet with their colleges and develop ideas and ways to reduce student debt.

Institutional Review Board

Karen Strasser asked for nominations to serve on the Institutional Review Board (IRB), which reviews applications to conduct research with human subjects. This is a University-level committee chaired by Connie Meinholdt.

PROE Reports

Robbie Teahen discussed a pilot plan for two-year occupational programs (PROE reports) and distributed an example of a new PROE report format which has the potential to link to the University strategic plans.

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Dean searches Status Report

Fritz Erickson gave an update report on the open dean searches for the Colleges of Allied Health Sciences, Arts and Sciences and Engineering Technology.

Faculty Awards Events

Mindy Baumgartner stated that she is currently working on the process for the upcoming faculty awards events.

FNTFO faculty negotiations Update

Don Flickinger gave an update report on recent FNTFO faculty negotiations.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Hoisington