

**Ferris State University
Deans' Council
January 8, 2008
8:30 a.m.**

Present: Kevin Alexander, Richard Cochran, Don Flickinger, Don Green, Ellen Haneline, Michelle Johnston, Matt Klein, Ian Mathison, Dave Nicol, Tom Oldfield, Bill Potter, Roberta Teahen
Guests: Dave Eisler, Reinhold Hill, Leah Nixon, Robert vonderOsten

Online Learning Survey Results

Jennifer Hegenauer reported to the deans about the survey for fall students they conducted. The results are only for the online questions. Jennifer will run another report showing just the online course critiques. This is a separate survey from the SAI's the students complete, and is completely anonymous for the student. This report has been distributed to the deans along with the training team. It was suggested the report just showing the online course information be shared not only with the training, but also with faculty who teach online courses.

University Advancement Update

The Advancement personnel distributed the new "Points of Pride" brochure to everyone present. This will be published quarterly; and replaces the paper version of "FYI" which is now available online.

Tom Oldfield talked about a new pilot initiative using a marketing person in each of the colleges. They will start this initiative in the College of Technology.

Summer Session

Reinhold Hill attended a meeting prior to the holiday break regarding the Summer Session. He distributed a report of summer school enrollment from 2003 through 2007. In February they plan to survey students to see what additional courses they would like to see offered during the summer 2008 term. Colleges and programs will check to see if it is a course that could be offered for our students. They hope the survey will show potential areas of growth for summer course offerings.

ACT Test Guidelines

Michelle Johnston distributed the ACT test schedule for the next year to the Deans' Council. She talked about the potential scholarship offerings for students who achieve a 21 or higher on the ACT. Don Green said there will be a conference in Lansing regarding changes to the ACT on February 13, 2008. He will forward this information to Mo, and she can then forward it to the deans' council.

Academic Affairs Diversity Plan

Michelle Johnston reported on the minor changes made to the Academic Affairs Diversity Plan after the committee met with David Pilgrim. The Council reviewed and approved these changes. The deans stressed the need to have a consistent plan within the division, colleges and departments; and to insure the plan is put into practice.

NACADA: National Academic Advising Association

Bill Potter announced the National Academic Advising Association will hold its Great Lakes Region 5 conference in Grand Rapids, MI, April 6 – 8, 2008.

Lifelong Learning Survey

Robert vanderOsten distributed copies of the draft report of the Lifelong Learning survey and report to everyone present. Once the report is finalized, he will bring this back to the Deans' Council for further discussion.

Volunteer Faculty Data Security Update

Don Flickinger reminded the deans to follow up with their volunteer faculty to insure they have the data access security completed so their volunteer faculty can access information they need online.

Roundtable

- Don Flickinger thanked the deans and their colleges for handling all the issues during the last semester. He reminded them that our office, when reviewing any issues, will look at the procedure that was used in the college and department in resolving the issue.
- Anyone who is interested in presenting at the American Democracy Project National Meeting from June 12 – 14, 2008, must submit their proposal by February 4, 2008. Tom Oldfield will forward to the Deans' Council the note from George Mehaffy regarding the call for proposals along with the guidelines to submit a proposal.
- Tom Oldfield asked that if any of the deans had material for the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting to please have this to him by Friday, January 11, 2008.
- Ellen Haneline reported to the Deans' Council on the progress of the Search for the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs. Two of the candidates withdrew from the search. The committee will do an off campus interview next week with another candidate.
- Kevin Alexander thanked everyone for their support the last couple weeks with the death of Dr. Walt Betts.
- Richard Cochran reported the new service desk is completed on the main floor of the library.
- Matt Klein reported on the closure of Media Distribution, and he said the notification was sent campus-wide about this department closing.
- Roberta Teahen reported the upgrade to FerrisConnect is complete.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.