

**Ferris State University  
Deans' Council  
January 22, 2008  
8:30 a.m.**

Present: Kevin Alexander, Richard Cochran, Don Flickinger, Don Green, Ellen Haneline, Michelle Johnston, Ian Mathison, Dave Nicol, Tom Oldfield, Bill Potter, Roberta Teahen  
Guests: Reinhold Hill

Xtender Update

Don Flickinger reported this program should be ready to run very soon. It has been quite a transition. They do not anticipate any problems for this program on campus. They currently have 40 licenses, and plan to have another 40 in time for early registration. They will review the number of licenses after they have time to review the usage of Xtender.

Policies

Don Flickinger reviewed revised Probation and Undergraduate Requirements Policies with the Deans' Council.

He also reviewed the MACRAO language with the change for math requirements.

Sabbatical Update

Tom reported we have a total of 16 sabbatical applications. He plans to support all of the proposals.

Academic Program Review – Dean Response

Don Flickinger reminded the deans he needs their response to the Academic Program Review recommendations.

Phase IV Classrooms

Don Flickinger reported that two resolutions will be sent to the Board of Trustees. One is for classroom renovation and the other one is for renovations to laboratories on campus.

Roundtable

- Tom Oldfield reported the interviews for the Operations Analyst position will start next week.
- Don Green reviewed some of their suggestions for the name change for UCEL and FSU-GR with the Deans' Council. It was agreed to table this topic for the next meeting.
- Roberta Teahen announced they will conduct interviews on campus for the Instructional Designer.
- Robbie also discussed the purchase of TracDat from Nuventive – they will have training for this in the summer of 2008.
- Tom Oldfield announced that a delegation from Otemon Gakuin University in Osaka, Japan, will visit our campus in March, 2008.

- Richard Cochran distributed the FLITE log to everyone present.
- Reinhold Hill talked about the changes with the elimination of the Media Distribution department.
- Michelle Johnston talked about an article in the Detroit News about Ferris's Criminal Justice program at Macomb Community College.
- Michelle also talked about a meeting held with Tom Oldfield, representatives from Reed City Public Schools, and herself about opportunities for Recreation Leadership students working with their district.
- Bill Potter announced that the Political Engagement Project is having a "Super Tuesday" event in the Westview Commons in the Rankin Center from 8:00 pm to midnight.
- Kevin Alexander reported they hired a new faculty member in the Michigan College of Optometry who will start in March, 2008. Also, Kevin will be in Korea from February 10 – 16, 2008, to address the Pacific Rim Optometrists.
- Ellen Haneline gave an update on the Provost Search Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.