Ferris State University
Deans' Council
April 8, 2008
10:30 a.m.

Present: Richard Cochran, Don Flickinger, Ellen Haneline, Jennifer Hegenauer,
Michelle Johnston, Matt Klein, Dave Nicol, Tom Oldfield, Bill Potter,
Roberta Teahen
Guests: Dan Burcham, Kristen Salomonson

Provost Search
The first part of the meeting, from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. was devoted to conversations with the Deans' Council and President Eisler regarding the provost candidates. The president solicited input from the group regarding the strengths and limitations of each potential candidate.

Managing Enrollment
Dan Burcham gave an update on enrollment for Fall 2008 to everyone present. He talked about changes and improvements they have made in the application process. They have also awarded financial aid earlier than in the past. In their recruiting efforts, they have three methods to contact prospective students: the automated telephone system, e-recruiting, and through print media. He said they launched the Chicago initiative this year. Kristen distributed a report comparing Fall 2007 application and registration data to what we have for Fall 2008. The last date for early registration is Friday, April 11. Online courses will open up for on campus students next week.

Roundtable
- Tom Oldfield announced the TRENDS in Occupational Studies Conference will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan October 2 and 3, 2008.
- Ellen Haneline said they are making progress hiring new faculty for Fall 2008 and had an especially good recruiting year for Nursing that she believes is attributable to the positive reputation the program is gaining.
- Bill Potter reported they had 244 applicants for the Honors Invitational. To date they have 215 freshmen who have accepted for fall 2008. There are 40 freshmen on the wait list, and they have 115 transfer applicants at this time, they do not yet know how many will enroll for fall semester.
- The deans were reminded to rsvp for the Faculty Recognition Dinner scheduled for April 17, 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.