

**Ferris State University
Deans' Council
October 23, 2007
8:30 a.m.**

- Present: Paul Blake, Richard Cochran, Van Edgerton, Don Flickinger, Don Green, Ellen Haneline, Matt Klein, Ian Mathison, Dave Nicol, Bill Potter, Roberta Teahen
- Guest: Enid Carlson-Nagel, Tom Crandell, Dave Eisler, Ron McKean, Dan Sovinski, Karen Verrill, Doug Zentz

Michigan Energy Conference

Doug Zentz gave a presentation on the Michigan Energy Conference. This Conference will be held at Ferris State University April 11, 2007. The website for this conference is: www.ferris.edu/mec

The Deans' Council discussed how to engage the campus community in this conference. There was discussion about involving the P.E.P., student organizations, and faculty. Ron McKean would like to encourage student participation. They plan to provide an opportunity for student poster sessions as a part of the conference.

Academic Affairs Diversity Statement

The council discussed the draft of the Academic Affairs Diversity Statement. They made their suggested changes regarding recruitment and retention of faculty. It was suggested the deans review the document and see what they are willing to do as a dean for their college. The committee will revise the document to reflect the suggestions and have it ready for the deans review at the next Deans' Council.

Co-Listed Course Compensation Policy

The deans discussed changes to the policy. A subcommittee was formed: Matt Klein, Dave Nicol, Michelle Johnston, and Don Flickinger to review this policy.

Yearly Administrative Review

Roberta Teahen asked for input from the deans. How do the deans want this to be accomplished; should changes be made to the format; is the yearly review the right cycle; and what improvements can be made to the system. She also would like to know if the form could be modified to provide a better report.

The deans discussed the process and what they believed had merit. There was concern that with programs who undergo extensive program review with their accrediting agencies, that this is a duplication of effort. It was agreed that they need to devise a process that elicits thoughtful responses. They believe this is a very good way to learn about the programs – the process allows a review of the program aside from the accreditation process or academic program review cycle. They believe this document is a tool for the dean and the college to review their programs. They also asked if the form could be modified to reflect

the university efforts towards diversity. The deans would like to review this with the department heads. The normal due date for the Yearly Administrative Review is January.

Roundtable

- Tom also asked the deans to send their comments to him regarding the Academic Advising Task Force by Friday, October 26, 2007.
- Tom Oldfield announced that there is an open house at Careerline Tech Center in Holland, Michigan on October 25 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. We have a number of students who have come to Ferris from this CTC, and we do not have any admission counselors available to attend this open house. Tom asked the deans to let him know by Wednesday at 5:00 pm if any of their faculty would like to attend this open house. It is a good opportunity to do some program recruiting.
- Tom Oldfield asked the deans for their input on the value of the presentation and how they can expand on the energy conference to include all areas of the campus. He believes there is a potential for Ferris to become an energy center. There was a suggestion to have a theme-based approach university-wide for the year – it could be carried over to the curriculum as a core curriculum study.
- The TRENDS Conference is being held Thursday and Friday (October 25 & 26th) in Grand Rapids.
- Tom also talked about a College of Technology initiative to print papers for students. They are working with Michigan Office Systems on this. Please let Tom know if you are interested in participating in their scheduled presentation.
- Post Tenure Review – it was suggested a 5-year cycle rather than 4-year cycle would be of benefit to the faculty. If this is implemented, then it would start next year.
- The 40th class reunion was held during the Homecoming Weekend last weekend.
- Don Green asked that if anyone would like to be a member of the committee to build a center for the Information Security & Intelligence degree to please let him know.
- Don Green is researching potential new degree offerings for Ferris State University. He asked for the other deans to contact him, they would like to develop programs that cross disciplines – similar to the Information Security and Intelligence degree.
- Richard Cochran received information for assessment on FLITE. He plans to meet with faculty groups to learn what services they would like to see them provide.
- Roberta Teahen reported that Paul Blake will be leading a group of six faculty to IUPUI for the 2007 Assessment Institute.
- Roberta Teahen also reported that a state auditor is on campus today to review the Freedom to Learn expenditures and activities for 2005-2006.
- The Faculty Assessment Award should be sent to the Deans' Council within the next week.
- National Council for Workforce Education Group will host a conference in Savannah Georgia at the end of this week. Ferris State University has a group attending this conference.
- Robbie also reported on the issues FerrisConnect has experienced with software.
- The Advancing Online Committee met yesterday. They are working on the SAI's format. They plan to have a proposal of policy for online courses.
- Paul Blake reported on the College of Education & Human Services activities. They are reviewing student teaching model within the school. He gave an update on the

partnership with Michigan College of Optometry, and how well this program is working for their students. They will make a two day recruiting trip to northeastern Michigan for the School of Education. They are working on the PCAF for the Ed.D. for Community College Leadership.

- Matt Klein gave an update on the HVAC systems in the Arts & Sciences complex. They have not been working for the last two weeks. The Physical Plant is manually starting up the air systems to move the air on a regular basis. They are waiting for parts to come in to repair the HVAC system in this complex.
- Fundraising for the Jim Crow museum has started.
- Ellen Haneline reported the accreditation visit for the Masters in Nursing program went well. This week the accreditation team is on campus for the Clinical Lab Sciences.
- Dave Nicol reported on the agreement between Northwestern Michigan College and Ferris State University in the Maritime program. They now have a 2+2 program for these students.
- Don Flickinger reported that he should have the lists of classrooms and laboratories from everyone in need of remodeling. They will be reviewing these rooms. Don will keep the Deans' Council informed on this project.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.