Ferris State University Deans' Council Tuesday, April 11, 2000

MINUTES

Present: Tom Oldfield, Barbara Chapman, Doug Haneline, Bruce Forintos, Steve

Perialas, Jim Maas, Nancy Cooley, Sue Hammersmith, Richard Cochran,

Al Uniacke, Bill Potter

Absent: Paul Prins, George Waldheim, Ian Mathison

Special Guest: Henryk Marcinkiewicz

Handouts: Agenda

CTLFD Update

"Opinion" Paper re: Development of UCEL Internet Courses

Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee Agenda

Finance Committee Agenda

1. CTLFD Update

Henryk Marcinkiewicz distributed an update on Center activities and reviewed it with Deans' Council members. Dr. Chapman requested a list of preliminary topics as well as a schedule for kick-off week be shared with Deans' Council members as soon as it's available.

There was discussion about whether the new faculty orientation program can be a condition of employment or not. Dr. Chapman noted that she has urged deans in the past to strongly encourage new faculty in the letter of offer to attend the program. She again told deans to include it in letters of offer.

2. Internet White Paper

Continued discussion was held on the Internet white paper.

Henryk Marcinkiewicz distributed an "opinion" paper regarding the development of courses for UCEL Internet instruction.

Doug Haneline noted that the committee would now develop a final draft of the white paper.

3. Summary Suspension

Tom Oldfield met yesterday with Dan Burcham, Mike Cairns, Rick Shafer, Jana Hurley, Sue Haut and Miles Postema to discuss issues related to the students summarily suspended from the University for their involvement in the recent drinking incident that led to a death. Faculty who have the suspended students in their class have questioned whether they should give these students homework assignments, etc. It was determined

that there will be no contact with the students while under the suspension. A letter will be drafted and sent to the faculty involved.

4. Summer Institute on Critical Thinking

Invitation letters will be soon sent to faculty. Another session for administrators will be held on July 12. Dr. Chapman strongly urged deans, department heads, assistant/associate deans and chairs to attend the administrative session.

5. Issues Related to Backdating Withdrawals

Dr. Chapman noted that the practice of backdating withdrawals is being reviewed. General Counsel has asked for the review based on findings related to the summary suspensions. This will be an agenda item at a later date.

6. Dean Search Updates

Dean candidate interviews for Allied Health Sciences and Optometry are being held this week and next.

7. Post Tenure Review

Dr. Chapman indicated that post tenure review will be an agenda item next week. She'd like to discuss some items she noted during her recent review of post tenure documents.

8. Academic Affairs/Student Affairs and Finance Committee Agendas

Copies of the agendas for the April 12 Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee meeting and the April 19 Finance Committee meeting were distributed.

9. FSU Summer University

The President's Office believes that some of the invitation letters regarding FSU Summer University may have been distributed to some faculty, but they are not expected to attend. The Summer University is intended for administrative staff. If there are any questions, call Dan Hurley. Dr. Chapman will clarify with the President on attendance expectations.