

DEANS' COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 9, 2010
MEETING MINUTES

Present: Dave Nicol, Don Flickinger, Don Green, Julie Coon for Ellen Haneline, Steve Durst for Ian Mathison, Leah Monger, Andy Karafa for Matt Klein, Michelle Johnston, Robbie Teahen, Tom Oldfield, Bill Potter

Guest: Warren Hills

Early Retirement Incent Program (ERIP)

Warren Hills discussed the early retirement available from the University. This incentive program is on a voluntary basis, and HR is prepared to assist those who are interested in it by meeting with them on a one-on-one basis to review the process. Warren explained the timeline and outlined what should be expected to happen within the next month.

Minor Cap Status

Don Flickinger said that there will be no minor capital funding process this year.

However, a form remains available on the Web if the colleges need to apply for a Physical Plant project. These request forms need to go to the Provost for signature.

Equipment and One-Time Requests

Don Flickinger said that was his understanding that the same procedure exists, as in the past, for one-time requests.

DegreeWorks

Don Flickinger gave an update on the DegreeWorks software. He noted that discussions at recent DegreeWorks Team meetings included need for an effective timeline for the software to be made available to the campus. The decision by Academic Affairs was made to roll it out to campus during September/early October of Fall Semester of 2010. This time period should provide adequate time to test the software and then migrate it into full production.

Joint Deans/Department Head Meeting

The next joint Deans' Council/Department Head/Chair meeting is scheduled for April 20. A calendar invitation will be coming.

Academic Affairs Newsletter

Robbie Teahen is working on the next issue of the Academic Affairs Newsletter and is taking articles and photos.

Michigan Graduate Professional Day

Robbie Teahen gave a progress report on the colleges and students who plan to participate in the 2010 Michigan Graduate Education Day scheduled for April 13.

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Institutional Research Needs

Robbie requested that the subject of institutional research be placed on the agenda of a future deans' council to identify needs of the deans and the division.

Ed.D. Degree News and Discussion

Robbie Teahen announced that the HLC team gave their stamp of approval on the new degree. She outlined some processes and procedures that need to be put into place, including the need for future dissertation teams; a chair/advisor for each dissertation team will need to be identified.

Updates/Roundtable

Don Green encouraged deans to remind everyone of the need to be cautious in their responses and dialog with community colleges leaders as solid relationships need to be built.

Don Green also discussed the direction being taken with international programming including opportunities existing in India, China and Ontario. He was well-received during his visit to India.

Dave Nicol is very enthusiastic about the College of Business' 3-year B.S. degree for honors students.

Dave also discussed fund-raising efforts, including last year's event at the Grand Rapids International Wine & Food Festival where students from the Hospitality programs were involved, and which brought in monies earmarked for their student activities.

Dave was also happy to announce that this year's 2010 Hospitality Gala, another fund raising event, is sold out.

Michelle Johnston discussed the background of the recent "Kindergarten Tea" event hosted by the COEHS for area kindergarten teachers. This event, held in conjunction with the Ferris 125th celebration, was very successful and will be planned as an annual event in the future.

Leah Monger announced that the Big Rapids Public Library, FLITE and Great Lakes Book & Supply off-campus bookstore have been selected to participate in the Michigan Notable Books author tour, and are planning to host Mardi Link, author of the book, "*Isadore's Secret: Sin, Murder, and Confession in a Northern Michigan Town*," (University of Michigan Press). A program with the author and a book-signing event is being planned on May 25, 2010. FLITE is very excited to be a part of this collaborative event.

Steve Durst was happy to report that most student candidates for the next school year have already been interviewed.

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Bill Potter discussed the results of the 14th annual Honors Invitational competition held on February 28th. This event gave Ferris an opportunity to showcase our campus to over 258 academically talented high school seniors and their 400 parents.

Bill also announced upcoming events scheduled for the Political Engagement Project, and announced a lecture, partially sponsored by PEP, to be presented by Dolores Huerta, (OMSS's 2010 women's history month speaker), on the subject, "Without Fear: Neighbors Unite," scheduled on-campus March 30, 2010.

Meeting Reminders:

- Next Deans' Council Meeting scheduled March 23
- Next Joint Deans' Council and Chairs Council Meeting scheduled April 20

Respectfully submitted by Robin Hoisington