

DEANS' COUNCIL

MINUTES

March 24, 2009

Present: Dan Burcham, Don Flickinger, Don Green, Ellen Haneline, Michelle Johnston, Reinhold Hill (for Matt Klein), Ian Mathison, Leah Monger, David Nicol, Tom Oldfield, Nancy Peterson-Klein, Bill Potter and Robbie Teahen.

Guest: Gretchen Spedowske

125th Anniversary Celebration

Gretchen Spedowske explained that the 125th Anniversary Celebration will include a Presidential Symposium held on April 22, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Williams Auditorium followed by a Community Dinner. It was noted that at a previous Deans' Council meeting the anniversary celebration was discussed and the colleges are to be planning something for their college. The plans are to be submitted to the Vice President for Academic Affairs office.

Faculty Recognition

Gretchen Spedowske indicated that April 30, 2009, is the date for the Faculty Recognition ceremony. Gretchen indicated that hors d'oeuvres will be served instead of dinner this year due to budget issues. She also asked the Deans to take part in the presentations. Those interested should inform Gretchen.

Assessment for Prior Learning

Gretchen indicated that approximately 100-150 BIS (Bachelor's in Integrated Studies) students will need to be assessed. The handbook has been approved but a determination needs to be made as to what we will pay faculty for review of the components. Much discussion followed regarding what other institutions were doing. Gretchen noted that this needs to be put together by June. This will be placed back on the Deans' Council agenda.

FSU Academic Advising Purpose Statement

Dean Potter presented a condensed version of the "Standards for Assessing Learning" which was developed by the Academic Advising Implementation Team. It contains the purpose statement, vision, and strategies to accomplish the purpose. Dean Potter questioned what the next step would be and the Deans suggested that the Department Heads and Chairs review before submitting to the Academic Senate. Dean Green indicated that this would be helpful when looking at on-line advising as well.

Summer Sessions

Don Flickinger questioned the Deans if they were offering ground sessions in all sessions that we have. He noted that six hours in four weeks is a full load and questioned if that was happening. Discussion followed.

Savings Opportunities/Challenges

Vice President Burcham indicated that the President would like to discuss the Savings Opportunity meetings that were held across campus. The Deans questioned if a budget reduction dollar amount had been established. Vice President Burcham indicated that it had not and he encouraged the Deans to ask questions during this meeting with the President. The Deans indicated their desire to be included in a meeting prior to a final decision being made.

Announcements

Reminder – Deans meet with the President at 2:00 on March 25 regarding savings opportunities and challenges.

Leah Monger announced that the Dean of the Library search has 14 applicants.

Don Flickinger indicated that the Michigan College of Optometry Dean Search is moving along and the advertisement is just hitting the national publications. One internal candidate and one external candidate have applied.

Dan Burcham noted that a meeting was held and work is being done on the on-line budget. It has been determined that Academic Affairs has the money to make that budget whole as a base.

President Eisler's is meeting with the colleges regarding "Share Your Success" stories.

Tom Oldfield reported that his college has submitted a \$2.25 million grant. The College of Engineering Technology has a new Formula Hybrid Team and that there are only 40 teams in the world.

Nancy Peterson-Klein indicated that the new Michigan College of Optometry building is \$3.8 million over budget so they are revisiting the plans. Nancy explained the fundraising efforts that are taking place.

Lindsey Morse, MCO student, started the registered student organization, American Cancer Society, and was very instrumental in making the cancer walk happen.

The College of Education and the Honors Program are collaborating regarding expediting elementary education programs.

Ellen Haneline reported that Radiography has received full accreditation.

Robbie Teahen reported that a group would be meeting tomorrow in Grand Rapids regarding the Ed.D. program

Don Flickinger reported that the General Education Committee is convening for the first time.

Ian Mathison reported that a recommendation for the new Golf Pro has been submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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