

## **DEANS' COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES**

**October 13, 2009**

**Present:** Fritz Erickson, Mike Cron, Don Flickinger, Don Green, Matt Klein, Ian Mathison, Leah Monger, Dave Nicol, and Bill Potter.

Guest: Gretchen Spedowske, Paul Blake, Cheryl Cluchey, Julie Coon

#### **Honors Convocation**

Gretchen distributed a copy of the Academic Honors Convocation Committee Report to everyone present. It was decided to hold an Academic Excellence Reception in April between 3:00 to 5:00 pm in the IRC. The refreshments will include pop, pizza and cookies. Students with a 3.5 will receive a certificate and students with a 4.0 will receive a certificate and a 4.0 lapel pin. They also plan to host a similar event at the regional sites but with a time from 4:00 to 6:00 pm for those students the same date as the reception hosted on the main campus. The committee will meet after this event to evaluate the student attendance numbers and suggestions.

#### **Good News for President's Council**

Fritz talked about submitting "Good News" for the President's Council. We now submit these once per month for the council.

#### **Honorary Doctorate**

There was a discussion on how these are determined for the University. These are typically done at the Spring Commencement. Fritz will talk to John Willey about this process. The feeling on campus is that we want to keep the commencement focused on the students and their success.

#### **CLEP Testing**

Don distributed information regarding CLEP Testing (College-Level Examination Program) to everyone present. He asked about the statement in the CLEP Testing Policy, "Once CLEP credit for a given course has been awarded, a student may not subsequently enroll in that course and receive a grade." This is causing a problem for some students who CLEP out of a class, and then later learn they need to take the class for their program. The deans did not see a need for this to be a part of policy, unless there is a stipulation from CLEP regarding a student enrolling a class after they have earned CLEP credit.

#### **Flu Contingency**

Don Flickinger distributed a copy of the H1N1 report from the Center for Disease Control to everyone present. Don expressed our appreciation for everyone efforts to prepare for the flu contingency.

### **Negotiations Update**

Don Flickinger said they have formed subcommittees to work through three areas in the contract: Tenure/Promotion/Merit, Summer; and an HR Group to work through the various leaves, ie., consulting, bereavement, etc. There was a discussion on what potentially we would like to see from an administrative standpoint. Don also said they have scheduled negotiation meetings for this semester.

### **Relationship Building**

Fritz reported that as a result of the last Relationship Building meeting that they would like to have another round of meetings with the colleges. They plan to schedule these prior to Thanksgiving. The deans said they would like to see some emphasis on what is going well in the colleges.

### **Roundtable**

- As a result of the last committee meetings of the Board of Trustees, the College of Professional and Technological Studies will now operate the same as the other colleges.
- Ian Mathison reported they will hold Pharmacy Day on Friday, October 16, 2009. This is held for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year Pharmacy students.
- Mike Cron said the building bids were sent last Monday, so they should be receiving these back in the near future.
- The College of Education & Human Services held an Alumni board Meeting this past weekend. Also, the College of Education & Human Services has adopted Helen Ferris as their focus for the 12<sup>th</sup> year celebration. They held a discussion group last week, and were pleased to have 40 to 45 people participate in this event.
- Leah Monger asked if we heard any more from IT regarding web access and the implementation date. It was decided to invite John Urbanick to the next Deans' Council to discuss this.
- Julie Coon talked about how their college is developing a plan to help prepare faculty to teach online classes the semester prior to their teaching this type of class.
- Cheryl Cluchey said their Conference and Professional Services Department has coordinated the National Council for Workforce Education conference October 18-20 in Seattle, Washington. They have 430 people registered to attend this event.
- Dave Nicol reported the foundation investment has increased this past year. Currently the Board membership is at 15 members.
- Don Flickinger reminded everyone that there will be a DegreeWorks demonstration November 17, 2009 at 8:30 in the CDR.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.