

Ferris State University
Deans' Council
Tuesday, January 30, 2001

8:30-10:00 a.m.

Minutes

Present: Doug Haneline, Al Uniacke, Richard Cochran, Nancy Cooley, Kevin Alexander, Jim Maas, George Waldheim, Sue Hammersmith, Ian Mathison, Greg Frazer, Bill Potter, Paul Prins, Bruce Forintos, Barbara Chapman

Absent: Tom Oldfield

Special Guest: Sally DePew, Budget Director

Handouts: Agenda
Budget Update Presentation
Course Sunset Policy Draft
Campus Pipeline Sample Disk
Summer School Schedules - December 15, 1999 Memo

1. Budget Update

Sally DePew gave a budget update to the deans and reviewed issues facing the University in FY 2002 as they relate to the budget.

2. Draft: Course Sunset Policy – Doug Haneline

Doug Haneline distributed draft copies of the Course Sunset Policy and explained its intended use as a tool in advising students coming back after a number of years wishing to complete a degree. The policy was drafted with the assistance of two counselors and Registrar's Office staff. Several suggestions were made, including a better definition of "interrupted enrollment" to take into account non-traditional students. It was also strongly suggested that training for counselors/assistant deans be held regarding the intent and interpretation of the policy, so there is consistency in applying the policy. Any other suggestions and/or comments should be sent to Doug Haneline, who will present another draft to deans.

3. Campus Pipeline Update

Al Uniacke and Richard Cochran noted that the cost of the Campus Pipeline license and an increased number of projected users could result in unexpected costs totaling approximately \$300,000. Campus Pipeline banner ads haven't resulted in the amount of revenue expected and, therefore, the cost of the license has increased. In addition, if the projected number of users goes beyond 15,000, a new server will be required. Campus Pipeline implementation has been delayed, with a limited number of students registering for classes through Campus Pipeline in March as a pilot run. There was extensive discussion on the merits of Campus Pipeline. Vice President Chapman urged Deans' Council members to attend as many planning presentations as possible, but

especially the Information Technology presentation to have questions answered. The Information Technology planning presentation is scheduled for Thursday, February 8 from 1-3 p.m. in Rankin Center Presidents Room.

4. Registration Issues

Jim Maas distributed a memo on Summer School Schedules. He is concerned that students and faculty do not clearly understand that summer classes are accelerated. Students continue to sign up for a "full load" as they'd typically do during the regular academic year, resulting in students becoming overloaded. He noted the comparison of credit load for summer vs. a typical semester on the back of the memo. He has talked with Financial Aid staff who agree that 10 credits should be defined as full-time in the summer and indicate that students' financial aid will not be affected. The College of Business is developing a flyer to encourage summer registration, which also includes information on accelerated schedules. Their advisors will also be handing out similar information to students.