

**Ferris State University**

**Deans' Council  
Tuesday, March 02, 2004  
8:30-10:00 a.m.  
MINUTES**

Present: Laurie Chesley, Dave Nicol, Jacque Hooper, Tracy Powers, Michelle Johnston, Bill Potter, Roxanne Cullen, Chuck Matrosic, Steve Durst, Robbie Teahen, Joe Weber, Kevin Alexander

Special Guest: Mike Cairns

Handouts: Agenda  
Research Michigan Magazine

**1. Recommendations for the Graduation Ceremony – Mike Cairns and Jacque Hooper**

Deans' Council discussed the recommendations for the graduation ceremony developed by Jacque Hooper and Mike Cairns, as outlined in their February 25 e-mail. After discussion, the deans agreed to the following:

- Colleges are responsible for organizing graduates by degrees (associate, bachelors, masters)
- Adjutant cards will be printed with name, type of program completed (e.g. hospitality management), and Latin honor, if any
- Mike Cairns and Jacque Hooper will consider whether a more formal exit from the auditorium could occur for faculty and administration.

Mike Cairns distributed copies of the depiction of new graduation banners designed by Al Williams.

**2. Articulation Agreements**

Deans were reminded to update articulation agreements regularly. It was suggested that the Articulation Office make a regular routine of meeting with the various colleges to update the agreements, as well as develop a standardized procedure.

**3. Other**

Copies of *Research Michigan*, a supplement to Crains Detroit Business were distributed. The supplement features Ferris. If deans would like copies for advisory committees or others, please contact Shelly Armstrong.

Laurie Chesley reminded the deans of the Faculty Recognition Dinner scheduled for April 22. This year's theme is "Springtime in Paris."

Laurie Chesley also noted that a White Paper on a review of student evaluation research is being distributed to faculty and academic administrators. The research was compiled

by Terry Doyle. The White Paper is meant to evoke discussion at forums to be scheduled in the near future.

It was noted that a future agenda item will be discussion on the June bus tour.

The College of Technology recently sponsored a cross disciplinary team in the regional Rube Goldberg machine competition at MSU. The FSU team won the competition and will be going to Purdue University for the national finals. The winner of the national finals will appear on the David Letterman show. The team's project will be demonstrated today from 3-5 p.m. in SWN 311.

Michelle Johnston noted that the School of Education and Human Services recently signed an articulation agreement with the Mt. Pleasant Career Tech Center for their teacher academy.

It was noted that the deans would like to reinstate the sharing of items of interest at the end of Deans' Council meetings.