

Minutes of the September 11, 2012 Deans' Council Meeting

Present: Mindy Baumgartner, Paul Blake, Julie Coon for Matthew Adeyanju, Steve Durst, Fritz Erickson, Scott Garrison, Don Green, Robin Hoisington, Michelle Johnston, Rick Kurtz, Bruce Morgan, David Nicol, Bill Potter, Karen Strasser, Robbie Teahen, Kim Wilber, J. K. Yates

Maximizing Fundraising Success

Guests Shelly Armstrong, VP of University Advancement & Marketing (UA&M) and Dr. Patricia Cormier, Senior Associate of Penson Associates Incorporated, opened a discussion on ways to maximize fundraising success and listened to feedback from the Deans' Council members. VP Armstrong and Dr. Cormier outlined University Advancement and Marketing's proposal for an organizational model that would include the strategic focus and structures required to maximize success in UA&M's and university-wide initiatives and fundraising efforts. At the conclusion of the discussion, the deans were asked for their input regarding developing protocols on collaborative fundraising and how the colleges' needs could be best managed and met. Dr. Cormier also distributed a survey to the deans for their feedback on roles and responsibilities for friend and fund raising. Dr. Cormier will return to campus on October 9th to spend more time with the deans to discuss collaborative fundraising efforts.

Position Justifications – College of Health Professions

Julie Coon presented position justifications on behalf of Dean Adeyanju for positions F11228, F11232 and F11190. At the conclusion of the discussion, the vote was unanimous for posting of all the positions.

Summer Academic Camps Discussion

Don Green discussed summer camps currently offered through the Ferris Conference and Professional Services Office. He expressed his concerns over recently declining enrollments in the academic camps held on the Big Rapids campus and outlined additional organizational challenges occurring in relation to their continuation. For these reasons, he expressed his desire to discontinue the offering of academic camps on the Big Rapids campus. At the conclusion of the discussion, there was agreement that academic camps should be no longer offered through the Ferris Conference and Professional Services, and VP Green will pursue this.

Positions Justification and Proposed Organizational Changes – College of Engineering Technology

J. K. Yates gave an overview of the College of Engineering Technology's proposed organizational changes and presented position justifications for position F11198 and F11013. She discussed how replacement of these positions tied into the restructure. At the conclusion of the discussion, the vote was unanimous for posting of both positions. Dean Yates will take the proposal back for further discussions with the College of Engineering Technology faculty.

The Lab Safety Coordinator update, Calendar Deadline/Timeline, APR discussion and Concur update items were tabled to a future DC meeting due to time constraints.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Hoisington