

**Ferris State University
Deans' Council
Tuesday, November 4, 2003
MINUTES**

Present: Tom Oldfield, Laurie Chesley, Dave Nicol, Chuck Matrosic, Don Green,
Eric Jarvi, Deb Thalner Michelle Johnston, Jacque Hooper, Roxanne
Cullen, Kevin Alexander, Bill Potter, Richard Cochran

Special Guest: President Eisler

Handouts: Agenda

1. FY05 Budget

Deans' Council continued last week's discussion on the FY05 budget with President Eisler. Deans were asked to develop budget reduction principles. Budget goals developed by President Sederburg in March will be sent via e-mail to use as examples. The suggested budget reduction principles are due to Mindy (via e-mail) by Monday, November 10.

2. Summer Semester

President Eisler shared his ideas for a 4-week summer format. A 4-week summer format would better utilize facilities and provide students with the opportunity to accelerate completion of their degrees or "catch up" other courses. A program for providing incentives for departments who participate is under consideration. It was recommended that students be limited in the number of courses taken in each 4-week slot, and that the course outcomes are the same as a 12-week course. The deans were asked to discuss the format with their department heads and faculty and begin looking at courses. Tom Oldfield noted that IR&T is putting together data on summer programs and enrollments, which will be forwarded to the deans once it's available.