

Deans' Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 28, 2003
8:30-10:00 a.m.

Present: Tom Oldfield, Laurie Chesley, Bill Potter, Dave Nicol, Eric Jarvi, Chuck Matrosic, Michelle Johnston, Robbie Teahen, Jacque Hooper, Richard Cochran, Matt Klein, Kevin Alexander

Handouts: Agenda

1. FY 05 Budget

Tom Oldfield noted that the discussion at the last Presidents Council centered on the state budget. As a result of those discussions, President Eisler has asked each of the divisional vice presidents to develop budget scenarios with various levels of cuts. The deans received a copy of "Academic Affairs Budget Reduction Scenarios" for review. Tom noted that the document is CONFIDENTIAL and asked deans to NOT SHARE with anyone since the discussions are preliminary. He noted that the base budget figures include positions. It was agreed that the deans could discuss the State budget situation and its impact on Ferris' budget in very general terms with their faculty/staff.

The deans were asked to develop preliminary plans to reduce their individual budgets based upon the various scenarios and forward to him by November 11, 2003.

The deans discussed various possible division-wide budget reductions. It was also suggested that a new operational model for the Academic Affairs Division be developed, since it's not anticipated that the State budget will improve in the future.

The budget will be an agenda item at the November 4 Deans' Council meeting.

2. FY04 Summer Offerings

Tom Oldfield noted that President Eisler asked him to discuss summer offerings with deans. Tom asked the deans for their opinions on changing the summer format to three sessions of 4 weeks in length. What are the issues involved? Would Ferris generate more student interest? After much discussion, it was determined that there may be potential for 4 week offerings off-campus, which is already being done at several off-campus sites, but based on the last summer task force review, the format may not be ideal on campus.

3. Sabbaticals

Tom Oldfield reminded the deans that they each received an e-mail on August 20th regarding sabbaticals for the upcoming year:

As part of the budget reductions, President Sederburg did not allocate funding for sabbaticals for 2004-2005. I spoke with President Eisler earlier this morning and requested that funding be restored for sabbaticals for 2004-2005. He has agreed to allocate \$100,000 for sabbatical leaves for the 2004-2005 academic year. I will be sending out a campus - wide note to that effect sometime yet today.