

Ferris State University
Deans' Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 7, 2003
MINUTES

Present: Tom Oldfield, Laurie Chesley, Dave Nicol, Ian Mathison, Don Green, Michelle Johnston, Bill Potter, Chuck Matrosic, Robbie Teahen, Jacque Hooper, Matt Klein, Richard Cochran, Jim Paramore

Special Guest: President Eisler

Handouts: Agenda
DRAFT Planning Process
Confidential Draft #2 – Division of Academic Affairs Planning/Budgeting Guidelines for 2004-05
College Vacancy Reports

1. President Eisler

President Eisler briefly reviewed the schedule for the Board of Trustees meeting/Homecoming activities for next week.

He also thanked Deans' Council members for their help and participation in last week's inaugural activities.

The President distributed a draft planning process document and reviewed it. He asked deans to review it further and send their comments to him within the next few days, with a copy to Tom Oldfield. He noted that the draft document can be shared with department heads/chairs, but not with faculty at this time. He plans to send the final document out mid-October.

2. Academic Plan Revisions

The Deans' Council reviewed draft #2 of the Academic Plan. It was noted that the point is to have a very narrow focus in a short-term plan. Extended discussion was held on melding Strategic Direction #1 or #3. The group also reviewed the strategic objectives performance indicators and suggested changes. A final draft will be sent to deans for a final review. Tom Oldfield indicated that the deans should have enough direction to begin work on the planning process in their colleges.

3. Input on Upcoming Cycle of Academic Program Reviews

Laurie Chesley will be sending out a slightly revised Academic Program Review cycle based on programs that no longer exist or have been added to the cycle.

4. Other

Tom Oldfield distributed individual college vacancy reports.