

**Deans' Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 23, 2003
8:30-10:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

Present: Laurie Chesley, Dave Nicol, Tracy Powers, Ian Mathison, Chuck Matrosic, Michelle Johnston, Bill Potter, Robbie Teahen, Jacque Hooper, Matt Klein, Richard Cochran, Kevin Alexander

Handouts: Agenda
Draft Academic Plan 2004-05

1. Academic Plan Discussion

The deans reviewed and discussed the draft Academic Plan and the proposed Academic Affairs strategic objectives. Discussion focused on the following points:

- Use phrases such as “nimbleness, responsiveness, innovative, sharing resources, collaborative” in the strategic objectives.
- The phrase “smart growth” for enrollment was suggested. The deans noted that they need accurate data on students to reallocate resources and that current data seems to be driven by convenience of collection rather than use. It was suggested that data collection be a future Deans' Council discussion with Kristen Salomonson.
- Concern over timeline – not enough time to allow faculty/staff involvement in the process.
- Suggestion that planning processes occur in the winter for the following year.
- Need to clarify this year's process is a budgeting one and that an updated planning process will be implemented the following year.
- Suggested the statement: committed this year to assessing our environment and aligning our resources.

Deans were asked to send wording for specific objectives, corrections, etc. to Laurie Chesley who will then develop another draft.

2. Other

Bill Potter noted the FSUS 100 Compliance Report recently sent to the deans and his satisfaction with the results. He also reminded deans of the Strategies for Success program for probation students. Retention in those colleges who require the program for their students on probation is approximately 67% higher than those colleges who don't require the program.

Robbie Teahen noted the plans for touring the regional centers with President Eisler. The northern region tour is scheduled for October 8-9. Deans are welcome to attend.

Richard Cochran indicated that FLITE is anticipating that this September's visitor count to be similar to last year's number of 77,000. He noted that IS&T is experiencing difficulties with the firewall and action is being taken to correct the problems.

Tracy Powers noted that Grand Rapids television channel 8 and the Crimson and Gold Publication have reported on the new digital animation and gaming design program.

Chuck Matrosic indicated that he will be meeting with others on campus to assist in athletic participants parking by using the Heavy Equipment lot as an accommodation.

Michelle Johnston reported that the College of Education and Human Services is a sponsor for next week's Governor's summit.

Laurie Chesley noted that Karen Kirk has suggested deans send their Ferris Foundation invitation lists to her to avoid duplication.

Laurie also noted that several draft Academic Affairs policies are being shared with the Academic Policy and Standards Committee and the counselors for their review. Drafts will be sent to deans in the next few days.

The next Deans' Council meeting is scheduled for October 7.