Ferris State University
Deans' Council
Tuesday, December 18, 2001

MINUTES

Present: Barbara Chapman, Dave Nicol, Laurie Chesley, Richard Cochran, Kevin
                Alexander, Greg Frazer, Ian Mathison, Bill Potter, Chuck Matrosic, Al
                Uniacke, Bruce Forintos, Tom Oldfield, Don Green

Absent: Sue Hammersmith

Handouts: Agenda

8:15- 9:00 am – Interview with College of Technology Dean Candidate, Dr. Weilin Chang

1.   Feedback on College of Technology Dean Candidate

Barbara Chapman asked for feedback on the College of Technology dean candidate, Dr.
Weilin Chang.

2.   Mission/Vision Discussion

Al Uniacke opened the discussion by indicating that he would like a sense of what the
deans think the mission and vision is for Ferris State University. He asked the deans to
consider the key activities for Ferris. He plans to take all the key words and group them
in similar categories. The deans then discussed various mission/vision statements and
key words including: teach, learn, succeed; focus on what students want – we help our
students achieve their goals; mission to citizens of Michigan; national leader vs. leader;
include only what FSU wishes to achieve and then outcomes can be included in the
individual college mission statements.

3.   Other

Deans were reminded to submit information on peer institutions, along with rationale, to
Tom Oldfield as soon as possible.

Tom Oldfield noted that Jana Hurley, Ronnie Higgs and Craig Westman have developed
a policy for students who are dismissed and/or suspended. The majority of the policy
relates to Student Affairs procedures, but the policy provides for an "administrative
withdrawal (AW)" designation on a student's transcript. The policy will be effective
Winter Semester 2002 and copies will be distributed to the deans.

Bruce Forintos reported that Central Michigan University has verbally committed to
Ferris for office space in Georgia. Nancy Reddy is currently meeting with technical
college staff in Georgia. These preparations will allow Ferris to apply for appropriate
NCA accreditation.