

Deans' Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 31, 2000

Minutes

Present: Barbara Chapamn, Kevin Alexander, Al Uniacke, Jim Maas, George Waldheim, Bruce Forintos, Steve Perialas, Sue Hammersmith, Paul Prins, Nancy Cooley, Richard Cochran, Bill Potter

Absent: Doug Haneline, Tom Oldfield

Handouts: Agenda
Alma College Nationally Competitive Scholarship Committee Brochure
Eduprise Summary
October 23, 2000 Memo re: Attrition Data

Announcements

The Academic Officers group of Presidents' Council approved the two new FSU degree programs: BS in Automotive Engineering Technology and BS in Mechanical Engineering Technology. The name change for Integrated Resource Management was also approved. In addition, the group affirmed that the KCAD degrees would become FSU degrees post-merger. Dr. Chapman noted that grad certificates do require Presidents' Council approval, as well as programs offered in a new geographical location.

The Board of Trustees Committee Meetings will be held tomorrow, November 1. The Finance Committee will be conducted via conference call.

Dr. Chapman announced that Doug Haneline has requested to return to faculty effective Fall 2001. Information on posting the position will be forthcoming.

1. Establishing an FSU Nationally Competitive Award Committee

Several students inquired this year regarding the Rhodes Scholar program and the Truman Scholarship. Ferris State University hasn't had an award committee prior to this, but one could be set up to identify students as potential award winners to mentor, prepare, etc. A brochure from Alma College on Nationally Competitive Scholarship Committee was distributed. Dr. Chapman asked each of the deans to identify national awards specific to their college's programs, along with a suggested faculty member/department head as point person. Those identified as point persons would then comprise a campus-wide committee. Please forward your lists to Mindy no later than November 10.

2. Campus Pipeline – Identification of Specific Academic Management Questions for November 7 Meeting with Campus Pipeline Representative – Uniacke

Al Uniacke distributed and reviewed a list of suggested questions for the November 7th meeting with the Campus Pipeline representative. He indicated that he hoped to forward the list of questions to the representative prior to next week's meeting. Some additional questions include: What are the best practices at other universities? How do we disable

portions of campus pipeline that are duplicated in WebCT? There was extensive discussion on the merits and use of Campus Pipeline. The general consensus is that the ability to communicate with students by major, course level, etc. is important.

3. Highlights from October 30 Meeting for Web Content Coordinators and Developers – Uniacke

Al Uniacke reviewed highlights of the October 30 meeting. Training opportunities were reviewed, as well as the proposed templates. Ted Halm stressed that web developers report to web coordinators, not to him. The Intranet is an unresolved issue. A brief presentation on campus pipeline was given to the group as well. It was also noted that each coordinator would need to decide which staff would have direct access to the website. The idea is to ramp up skills before access to the website is given. There was extensive discussion on unfunded mandates. Update of websites will be a future agenda item after training has occurred.

4. Professional Development for Department Heads and Chairs

Dr. Chapman indicated that she sees a need for professional development for department heads and chairs. When asked, some department heads/chairs would like training on nuts and bolts specific to FSU. Others would like training on broader leadership skills. The American Council on Education will provide on-site training, but the training would not include specific FSU issues. She would like to put together a small group to brainstorm on professional development.

5. Priorities and Plans for Internet Course Development – Possible Contract with Eduprise – Forintos

Bruce Forintos distributed and reviewed an overview of Eduprise. He noted that he, Doug Haneline, Henryk Marcinkiewicz and Karen Moore met with Eduprise representatives.

Based on the proposed e-learning services, several issues need to be addressed. The 30 courses to be developed over the three-year contract period need to be identified. The courses could include mixed delivery (on-site/on-line) and should be supported by the Academic Plan and feasibility studies. Dr. Forintos will send a list of major universities who have contracted with Eduprise. He will be contacting each of the deans to solicit feedback on whether faculty are willing to go through the training.

6. Intellectual Property Policy

A discussion draft policy on intellectual property will be ready for review in early December.

7. Other

Bruce Forintos announced that off-campus students could now register on line if certain permits are removed from classes. The deans requested a list of classes with permits for their review.

A memo prepared by Mitzi Day regarding Attrition Data was distributed. Dr. Chapman urged deans to study it carefully and generate questions/comments on data that would be more useful and significant.

Ian Mathison noted that the Michigan Pharmacists Association is meeting on campus today. The group will hold an open forum with Pharmacy students as well.