

Present: Leah Monger, Kristy Motz, Stacy Anderson, Mari Kermit-Canfield, Emily Mitchell, Fran Rosen, Dave Scott, Yuri Konovalov, Ann Breitenwischer, Rick Bearden, Melinda Isler, Randall Schroeder

Leah said that the Academic Leadership Council met and went over the highlights of the agreement with the FFA. Fritz talked about Academic Affairs' strategic initiatives, and also some about restructuring ideas and examples at other universities. They talked about the process to start with.

Rick suggested that we talk about what we want to say to the President and Provost when they visit (which happened on Oct 28.) We discussed various things. These included pointing out the important effect on Academic Affairs of areas outside of Academic Affairs such as Research & Testing, and IT; talking about the Steering Committee and our self-study; why the library needs a Dean; what happens to promotion/merit standards if colleges are combined; library support for distance/online education and importance of including library in the planning.

Emily talked about the FerrisConnect Advisory Group's meeting with the Provost. They recommended that FSU get Blackboard Learn. There will probably be a pilot in the Spring & a roll-out next fall. The Advisory Group had thought to also do a pilot with Moodle but the thinking is that the transition to a new Blackboard version will be easier.

Emily also pointed out that we do have a newish digital camera available for checkout, and it is easy to use.

Rick said we are awaiting getting everything in place to roll out the mobile friendly version of the web catalog.

Leah said we are looking at upgrading the server over the holiday break, and are also looking at the possibility of moving from Sun Solaris to Linux but we may not because of the cost.

Randall said we now have a scheduling calendar for the Reading Room.