

Present: Rick Bearden, Randall Schroeder, Leah Monger, Fran Rosen, Yuri Konovalov, Dave Scott, Stacy Anderson, Emily Mitchell, Ann Breitenwischer, Ali Konieczny, Melinda Isler, Scott Atwell.

Dean's Council:

- At the last Deans Council Sarah Dew spoke about plans for educating students about the possibility of losing financial aid if they are found to not be making academic progress, and helping students appeal decisions when necessary. One of the big issues is that students will need to work with faculty advisors during times when most faculty are unavailable (winter break, summer), so Ferris will work to make some faculty available to help students at those times.
- The university-wide Academic Excellence reception won't be held anymore, it is suggested that the colleges have their own events. Students with a 4.0 average will get a letter.
- The Deans continue to talk about course caps.
- The Board of Trustees has to approve all Academic Affairs organizational changes.
- Academic Affairs picked a Search Firm for the 3 Dean searches (CAH, CAS, CET).
- Deans were reminded that they have until the end of the semester to do strategic plans.

Proposal to move some books

Dave proposed that we move some of the H's up to the empty stacks on the 3rd floor over Winter Break. This will get some books out of the construction zone. He says we can move H-HD, and maybe the HEs. There was general discussion. The locations can be updated in the catalog once the move is done. Dave has talked to a couple of the students who worked as shifters over the summer, and he can put a small crew together. We expect that the work to make the doors into the collection areas on all floors ADA compliant will be finished by the time Dave wants to move books. There was also some discussion about the Lower Level. Dave shifted the H's so that the first two rows by the new wall are empty; this creates more of a buffer between students looking for books and the construction zone.

Technology Plan

Rick discussed the FLITE Technology plan. He said there were two main impetuses: the current work being done on a University Technology plan by the IT group; and the need to make clear why we need the Digital Associate position & what is the value it will bring. He went through the basics of the plan. Topics discussed included

- What is the status of the position? Leah said she is expecting final confirmation that we can use other moneys for the final Phase III reduction so we don't have to cut the position; this document has the information that needs to go to the Provost to document the need for the position. It still isn't clear if the Provost will approve an administrative position, or if he will want it turned into a faculty position.
- Need to make sure this plan fits in with the FLITE Disaster plan, and that updating of both is consistent.
- The plan should mention supporting faculty.

- Fran brought up question about enhancements of Ollara that are in the plan, which led to some discussion about using SFX tools for use statistics and having Ollara point to it; but Rick points out that we also need statistics from Ollara, for example on problem reports.

Round Table/Other Announcements

- Randall said that the Reference Desk schedule will be built from the middle of one month to the middle of the next, rather than by calendar month, so that it doesn't have to be done at the end of the month when there are a lot of other time-dependent tasks that Lyle is responsible for.
- Fran said she had sent out notice about canceling Mergent Online, and hadn't heard any concerns so she expected to go ahead and do that by the end of November.
- Emily reminded us that we do have a FLITE-owned IPAD that we can play with.