

# DEANS' COUNCIL

## Tuesday, February 21, 2012

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**Present:** Mindy Baumgarter, Julie Coon, Mike Cron, Steve Durst, Fritz Erickson, Don Flickinger, Don Green, Robin Hoisington, Michelle Johnston, Ron McKean, Leah Monger, Dave Nicol, Bill Potter, Karen Strasser, Robbie Teahen, Kim Wilber

**Guests:** Mike McKay, FSU Safety Coordinator and Chris Weber, Manager of Risk Management/Insurance, to discuss OSHA Compliance in academic classrooms  
Piram Prakasam, Director of the Office of International Education, to discuss an activity for the upcoming International Festival  
Mike Hughes, Associate Vice President, to discuss Physical Plant Services

### **OSHA Compliance in Academic Classrooms**

Mike McKay and Chris Weber discussed laboratory safety and stressed the importance of retaining health and safety of students and employees as a high priority in academics. A group will be put together to review safety issues and identify a contact to visit college laboratories and review safety issues. Don Flickinger noted that one-time dollars will be identified to assist with safety issues.

### **International Festival Quiz Bowl**

Piram Prakasam discussed the upcoming International Festival and outlined the idea of an academic "Quiz Bowl" activity with involvement of the deans, who supported the idea.

### **Physical Plant Services/Open Communications with the Deans' Council**

Mike Hughes met with the Deans' Council to discuss ways to further open lines of communication between the Physical Plant and the Division of Academic Affairs. He distributed a draft Physical Plant Handbook of Services document and asked for input and feed-back prior to finalizing the document. Mike expressed a desire to regularly meet with the DC and it was decided that he would plan to attend a meeting of the DC once per semester.

### **Student Debt Subcommittee Update Report**

Bill Potter presented an update report from the Student Debt Subcommittee. The deans reviewed a draft Academic Policy letter regarding student debt and were asked to meet with their colleges and develop ideas and ways to reduce student debt.

### **Institutional Review Board**

Karen Strasser asked for nominations to serve on the Institutional Review Board (IRB), which reviews applications to conduct research with human subjects. This is a University-level committee chaired by Connie Meinholdt.

### **PROE Reports**

Robbie Teahen discussed a pilot plan for two-year occupational programs (PROE reports) and distributed an example of a new PROE report format which has the potential to link to the University strategic plans.

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**Dean searches Status Report**

Fritz Erickson gave an update report on the open dean searches for the Colleges of Allied Health Sciences, Arts and Sciences and Engineering Technology.

**Faculty Awards Events**

Mindy Baumgartner stated that she is currently working on the process for the upcoming faculty awards events.

**FNTFO faculty negotiations Update**

Don Flickinger gave an update report on recent FNTFO faculty negotiations.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Hoisington