

DEANS' COUNCIL Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, January 24, 2012

Present: Mindy Baumgartner, Bob Buckingham for Mike Cron, Julie Coon, Steve Durst, Fritz Erickson, Don Flickinger, Cheryl Cluchey for Don Green, Robin Hoisington, Michelle Johnston, Ron McKean, Leah Monger, Dave Nicol, Bill Potter, Karne Strasser, Kim Wilber

Guest: President Dave Eisler

Student College Debt Discussion

President Eisler discussed the topic of student college debt and asked for feedback and ideas on this topic.

College Organizational Changes for BOT Approval

Don Flickinger distributed a draft document listing organizational change recommendations that resulted from the Academic Core review process and asked the deans for feedback prior to submitting the recommendations for the upcoming February Board of Trustees meeting.

Proposed College Name Change Discussion

Ron McKean distributed a document that outlined a proposal to change the name of the School of Computer Networks/Electronics/Energy Systems/Mechanical/Surveying (CEEMS) to the School of Technical Innovation. After discussion concluded, it was decided that further discussions needs to take place prior to submitting this name change for further approval.

Registrar's Office Request

Paul Blake requested that colleges contact the Registrar's Office with department head name changes as soon as they are known in order to prevent a large backlog in assigning grades.

Educational Counselor Transition Update

Fritz Erickson discussed the transition of the educational counselor positions. He noted that we will be moving forward with this plan but that it will be a gradual transition, i.e., changes should be being upon retirements and review of requests for these types of changes.

College of Arts/Sciences Tentative Plan for Fall 2012 Online Class Enrollment

Karen Strasser discussed a tentative plan for the College of Arts and sciences to manage Fall 2012 online class enrollment. This plan will be monitored and more information will be discussed at future Deans' Council meetings.

Release Time Discussion

The Deans' Council discussed faculty release time. Deans will continue to use discretion regarding projects for which faculty release time should be granted. Service as a member or on the board of a professional society falls under professional development and would not be approved for release time.

PCSUM Transfer Proposal

Fritz Erickson began a discussion concerning a proposal presented by the Presidents' Council of State Universities in Michigan (PCSUM) regarding how transfers could be handled from community colleges/

Over

Summer Semester 2012

Don Flickinger discussed the upcoming summer semester and asked deans to remain aware of the timeline and deadlines because the dates listed in the faculty collective bargaining agreement are in effect this year.

SAP Policy Discussion

Don Flickinger discussed the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy. Students must comply with all parts of the SAP policy to maintain eligibility for financial aid. It is very important for the colleges to be diligent and committed to their progress as it relates to meeting satisfactory academic progress.

Grants and Research Director

Fritz Erickson announced that Karen Strasser has accepted the Director of Grants and Research position. The selection process for a new interim dean for the College of Arts and Sciences will take place soon. To maintain continuity in the college, Karen will remain in her role as interim dean until a new interim dean is appointed.

Justification for Posting of CAS Math Tenure-Track Faculty Position

Karen Strasser distributed rationale for a 9-month, tenure-track faculty position (F11042) in Mathematics. At the conclusion of the discussion, the voting was unanimous to post this position.

2012 Academic Affairs Awards – Nominations Welcome

Mindy Baumgartner reminded Council members of the opportunity to nominate colleagues for the annual Academic Affairs awards.

Round Table

Steve Durst reminded DC members of the open house for the College of Pharmacy Center for Innovational Learning located at 25 Michigan in Grand Rapids. The open house will take place on Friday, February 3, 2012.

Ron McKean shared that the CET's Dawg Day event is scheduled for this coming Saturday.

Don Flickinger gave a brief update report on FNTFO negotiations.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Hoisington