

June 8, 2020 Deans Council Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Paul Blake, Steve Reifert, Dave Nicol, Lincoln Gibbs, Steve Durst, Rich Goosen, Trinity Williams, Leonard Johnson, Mandy Seiferlein, Jason Bentley, Dave Damari, Kim Wilber
Meeting minutes: Robin Hoisington

Re-opening/returning to Campus updates:

Leonard Johnson shared that the Reopening Survey Committee is making very good progress and the faculty serving on this committee have done an outstanding job. He is hopeful that survey questions will be completed and a document will be drafted prior to the Wednesday, June 10, 2020, Town Hall Zoom meetings, where the University's reopening will be discussed. The intent of the survey is to find out how we can support the faculty's plans to return to campus, and if they have concerns we need to identify what they are and how to help support the faculty. The survey is focused on faculty sharing information with FSU and sharing issues surrounding face-to-face teaching. The survey findings may also assist with recommendations on what could or should be recommended regarding numbers of students in a classroom--for both faculty and student safety. A draft of the survey will be sent to the Deans for their feedback. Feedback to the committee from the survey data will need to be very timely.

Budget discussion

The deans reviewed possible ways to reduce budget overages without affecting course offerings. A draft S&E budget document was shared and the deans gave input on SUPFAC budgets and discussed concerns regarding changing SUPFAC fund allocations. Concerns included having to go into deficit, having to review other reductions and having to review possible work re-adjustments. Classes could be covered but colleges will be in the deficit; some with a higher deficit than others. The deans were asked to identify what they could see as a possible solution by identifying a percentage cut versus an across the board 10% reduction. We need to be able to submit as close to \$12M reductions soon, therefore we may need to scale back for the immediate future.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Hoisington