

Leadership Council

Discussion Notes of a Meeting of the Leadership Council

Wednesday, January 7, 2004
Timme Center for Student Services

Call to Order

President David L. Eisler called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

In Attendance

Dan Burcham, Richard Cochran, Rick Duffett, Dave Eisler, Rick Griffin, Scott Hill-Kennedy, Randy Jancek, Karen Paine, Bill Papo, William Potter, and Allen Sutherby.

Update on VPAA search. Dave Eisler provided a brief update on the VPAA search. Five candidates have been invited to campus. Interviews start Monday. Information on the candidates and the interview schedule will be available today on the University website. A report from the academic affairs consultants who visited in December will be provided to the campus..

Changes in Public Safety. Randy Jancek reported that Jim Cook was promoted to Assistant Director of Public Safety. Detective Rob Bower will be taking his place on the Leadership Council. Public Safety is still in the process of hiring a new officer.

IT Matters. Richard Cochran distributed IT Matters for review. Discussion included SCT Banner implementation planning, research, purchase of SCT by SunGard, Banner Project Timeline, PureMessage system in place, Request for Information for replacement of our internet service provider, anticipated date for recommendation of change, and personal web page space available for all FSU employees.

Summer Initiative/Schedule. Dave Eisler reported that Tom Oldfield has been working on the summer schedule with deans and faculty. A letter has been issued to current and prospective students about the summer initiatives, and response has been good.

Meetings with the President. Dave Eisler is reviewing information gathered from his meetings with faculty. Similar meetings will be held with the staff and will be scheduled soon.

Update on State Budget. Governor Granholm has signed an Executive Order for a 5% cut to higher education. Discussion included approaches to handling the cut and challenges for next year. Additional discussion included the Governor's proposal that if we do not implement a mid-year increase in tuition this year, and we do not increase tuition next year more than the increase in the Consumer Price Index for Detroit, MI, then the Governor will rebate back 3% of the cut as base.

Enrollment report. Dan Burcham reported that there continues to be a heavy flow of applications. Additional discussion included admissions issues and a review of the areas of increase.

Change in schedule for Planning Discussions. Dave Eisler reported that due to the schedule for the activities related to the VPAA search, planning discussions originally scheduled for January will need to be moved to February.

RFP for Review of University Advancement and Marketing division. Rick Duffett reported that they have received six proposals through the RFP process for consulting services. Three service providers will be brought to campus. One will be selected to review the division, foundation and connection with Kendall.

Mediation Services. Scott Hill-Kennedy reported that the mediation concept is taking a great hold on campus. The facilitators have been formally trained. This year will be a year of testing for this service. He would appreciate feedback during this testing period.

Friends of Ferris Dinner/Dance/Auction. Scott Hill-Kennedy reminded the Council that February 21, 2004 is the scheduled date for the annual Friends of Ferris Dinner/Dance/Auction at the Holiday Inn. This year the event will use a fun sports theme - athletes, the pep band, coaches etc. will attend to make for an exciting event. All are encouraged to attend.

Upcoming Board of Trustees Committee Meetings. Dave Eisler reminded the Council that the Board will be here next Wednesday for their committee meetings, and extended an invitation to all to join them for lunch at Westview Dining between the two meetings, at approximately 12:00 p.m.

Change in 12/3/03 Discussion Notes. A change was noted for the discussion notes from the 12/3/03 Leadership Council meeting. The correction was made and the corrected discussion notes will be posted to the website.

Adjournment. The Council adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Leadership Council is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. in CSS 302.

Submitted by: Karen K. Paine