

Approved May 5, 2004

Discussion Notes of a Meeting of the
Leadership Council
Wednesday, April 7, 2004
Timme Center for Student Services

Call to Order

President David L. Eisler called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

In Attendance

Michael Cairns (for Dan Burcham), Richard Cochran, Sandy Davison, Rick Duffett, Dave Eisler, Rick Griffin, Scott Hill-Kennedy, Judy Issette, Ian Mathison, Tom Oldfield, Bill Papo, Allen Sutherby, and Amanda Umlandt.

Dave Eisler introduced new Student Government President Amanda Umlandt and welcomed her to Leadership Council.

The discussion notes from 3/3/04 were reviewed. There are no changes; it is ready for website posting.

FFA Collective Bargaining Agreement signed – Rick Griffin reported that the Ferris Faculty Association is tired of waiting and would like for the contract printing to be expedited.

Student Affairs – Mike Cairns commented on the great job already performed by Amanda as Student Government President and thanked her. He reported that over 800 students have been through the award-winning Dawg Days. Many faculty and staff have cooperated and have made this program a success; Student Affairs thanks them. Enrollment for summer is up 514 over last year (same point in time) and Fall 2004 is up as well.

Academic Affairs – Tom Oldfield provided information on the April 22 Faculty Recognition Dinner; invitations have been sent. He also invited Council members to a retention benchmarking teleconference on April 8 at 1:00 p.m.

GRGC Professional Development - Scott Hill-Kennedy reminded Council members of the Governmental Relations/General Counsel Professional Development Day on April 21. The deadline for registration has been extended. To save funds, the afternoon session has been canceled. Future sessions will not be held this late in the year.

Birkam Health Center update – Judy Issette provided an update on the tuberculosis case; a second clinic will be held on April 26-27 for those who were in contact with the positive

TB student. The Health Center experienced a very busy winter and is making good local connections with Mecosta County General Hospital and PT Plus.

Summer Camps – Rick Duffett reported that there are discussions with UCEL regarding summer camps and the accompanying activities. A recommendation will be taken to Presidents Council concerning liability and responsibilities to Ferris.

IT Matters. Highlights included maintaining the Microsoft campus license for students for the 2004-05 academic year wherein students will voluntarily pay \$25 annually to offset the cost; updating on the residence hall infrastructure improvement pilot and using Dell switches; informing that 28 FSU employees attended the SCT Summit in preparation for the Banner conversion; launching update of the first Banner Business Process Analysis, which will be the Finance BPA on April 13-15; and reviewing of the Technology Assistance Summary report.

Dave Eisler mentioned that there is an embedded piece for faculty with the Microsoft piece; we must maintain an affordable approach for students to use the software so that electronic homework and projects may be opened and read by faculty. Richard Cochran reported that there is a marketing plan regarding the voluntary payment so that students will understand the opportunity and savings available by using the Microsoft campus license option.

Academic Senate update – Bill Papo reported on the Academic Senate meeting held yesterday; the Senate has been very busy.

Dean update – Ian Mathison expressed his appreciation to Scott Hill-Kennedy on assisting in Lansing regarding a package of House bills regarding Pharmacy profession issues.

KCAD Student Exhibition – Sandy Davison invited all to attend the KCAD Student Exhibition starting with a 4 p.m. reception on May 4 through May 8 at 2 p.m.

Bill Papo mentioned that the FSU Academic Senate would like to work with the KCAD Senate so that issues are coordinated. Sandy Davison will ask Oliver Evans to contact Papo.

Update from Dave Eisler

- ◆ The Presidential Road Trip "2004 Ferris Hometown Tour" will be June 21-25; Leadership Council members are welcome to attend this tour of 16 cities in 5 days. We will meet with alumni, students, community members and tell the Ferris story.
- ◆ Ferris Summer University is scheduled for June 14-16. It will be structured with a piece on planning so that all staff members will be involved.
- ◆ The Senate Higher Education Appropriation hearing was held March 5th; the House hearing will be April 28th.

- ◆ The Lansing Legislative Luncheon is scheduled for April 29th; all Council members are invited to attend. A packet of talking points concerning the Ferris message will be provided prior to the luncheon.
- ◆ Ferris is one of 12 institutions that have been invited to participate in a technology-centered conference sponsored by AASCU, Microsoft, and Educause. Dave Eisler, Tom Oldfield, Randy Vance, and John Urbanick have been selected to present.
- ◆ Planning update: The University Planning Committee has completed their work using the assessment pieces on the 7 strategic directions. Dave has received many responses to his planning memorandum and met with 77 groups of faculty, staff and students. A campus presentation “Preparing For Our Future” where the President will share the Ferris vision has been scheduled for April 15 at 2 p.m. in the Dome Room. Copies will be available after the presentation and will be sent campus-wide.
 - Q&A sessions with the President following “Preparing For Our Future” have been set for April 19 at 3 p.m. and April 20 at 2 p.m. in the Rankin Center Presidents Room.
 - All employees attending the Summer University will be involved in discussing what each may contribute. A second session will be held at the Opening Convocation for faculty. Everyone will have opportunity to provide input into this process. We will be working with a consultant for these sessions. No decisions will be made during the summer when many employees are not on campus.
 - An implementation group will be set who will take the vision pieces and develop the implementation piece by Thanksgiving, then will transition into an assessment group.
 - This will be a 3-year process and will start over again for the 2006-07 year.
- ◆ There will be a student open forum concerning the 2005 Tuition and Fees Recommendation on April 22 at 11 a.m. in the Mecosta Room. We need to communicate to students what their increases will be, solicit their reaction, and respond to their questions regarding cost increases.
- ◆ Observations – April is the time when as a university we need to concentrate on ending the academic year. Since this is such a busy time of year, please take time to show others how much you appreciate their work and what they do.

Adjournment – the council adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Leadership Council is scheduled for Wednesday, May 5, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. in CSS 302.

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