

Discussion Notes of a Meeting of the  
Leadership Council  
Wednesday, November 5, 2003  
Timme Center for Student Services

Call to Order

President David L. Eisler called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

In Attendance

Dan Burcham, Richard Cochran, Rick Duffett, Dave Eisler, Sandra Davison-Wilson, Raymond Gant, Don Green, Rick Griffin, Scott Hill-Kennedy, Judy Issette, Dave Nicol, Tom Oldfield, Karen Paine, Bill Papo, and Allen Sutherby.

Guests: Ted Halm, Web Content Manager  
Richard Piippo, Multi Media Developer  
Jim Cook, Lotus Notes Administrator

**Approval of 10/1/03 Discussion Notes.** The notes from 10/1/03 were presented and reviewed. The notes were approved as presented.

**Revisions to University website.** Rick Duffett provided a background on the website revision project and introduced Web Content Manager Ted Halm. Ted provided a demonstration and overview of the new look and features of the website. Discussion included web page content, page design, and implementation date. Ted also provided information regarding new content management software that will provide University-designed templates for use by others. The campus will be involved in testing these items as part of the “phase in” process of implementation.

**PureMessage software.** Jim Cook provided a demonstration and overview of the PureMessage software, which addresses issues with SPAM messages, viruses, and open relays. Discussion included current system versus new system, user and management options, and timeline for implementation. A notice will be issued to the campus community prior to implementation of the software to allow for appropriate feedback.

**Language at Hockey Games.** Bill Papo expressed his appreciation of the President’s memo regarding the address of language used during hockey games.

**Birkam Health Center.** Judy Issette reported that the flu clinic has been very successful. They still have some vaccinations left, so they will be offering the flu shots from 8-10 a.m. every day until they run out. Judy also provided a brief report of her recent conference attendance.

**Ferris Foundation Benefit.** Scott Hill-Kennedy reported that ticket sales have been excellent for this Friday's benefit in Grand Rapids.

**Minority Affairs.** Raymond Gant reported that the alumni visit in Detroit was very successful. Raymond also provided a brief report on his recent conference attendance at Calvin College.

**Michigan Biz newspaper.** Rick Duffett reported that there was a very nice article in the Michigan Biz newspaper about Don Green. A copy of the newspaper was shown to the council.

**Advancement and Marketing.** Rick Duffett reported that U A & M is working on an auto show in January. They will invite the top 50 graduates of FSU that have had an impact in that industry.

**IT Matters.** Richard Cochran distributed *IT Matters*. Discussion included the Banner project implementation, project management (Suzette Compton was named project manager, with Ronnie Higgs as backup project manager), project team structure, and timeline. Richard reported that there has been a Request For Information issued for the replacement of internet service for Ferris (replacing MERIT). Discussion included collaboration with other institutions. Richard noted that the Napster music service is now available again, but they are charging a fee.

At 9:31 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Leadership Council is scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, 2003 at 8:30 a.m. in CSS 302.

Submitted by: Karen K. Paine