

Discussion Notes of a Meeting of the
Leadership Council
Wednesday, September 1, 2004
Timme Center for Student Services

Call to Order

President David L. Eisler called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

In Attendance

Dan Burcham, Rick Christner, Adnan Dakkuri, Sandy Davison-Wilson, Dave Eisler, Raymond Gant, Rick Griffin, Scott Hill-Kennedy, Judy Issette, Michael Harris, Karen Paine, Allen Sutherby, Amanda Umlandt and Tom Weaver.

Dave Eisler provided greetings to the group and members introduced themselves. He described the purpose of the Leadership Council and how the meetings are structured.

Discussion notes from 5/5/04 - The discussion notes from 5/5/04 were reviewed. No changes were noted.

Banner Project – Rick Christner provided an update on the Banner project, including current progress and future schedule of the project.

MyFSU – Dave Eisler inquired as to the members' use or experiences with MyFSU – Adnan Dakkuri provided his experience with the program. Eisler provided additional detail and uses of this program. Dan Burcham inquired about connecting to other e-mail servers through MyFSU. Eisler will investigate further into this area.

Enrollment/Residence Hall Report – Rick Christner reported that the residence hall numbers are 209 less than last year. Dan Burcham reported that he is experiencing similar numbers. Discussion included possible reasons for the downturn, planning and additional focus on enrollment, summer enrollment numbers, and off-campus growth.

AFSCME - Tom Weaver provided discussion regarding AFSCME issues. His discussion included:

- AFSCME currently in negotiations
- Biggest issue is health insurance
- University's benefit structure; attraction and retention of employees
- Part-time employees' and students' roles in their positions
- Equal pay issue for student government
- Concerns about decisions due to program analysis

- Current University hiring status; HVACR position status
- Additional training for custodial employees
- Use of outside vendors/contractors

Ferris Faculty Association – Rick Griffin provided discussion regarding FFA issues. His discussion included:

- Temporary positions/tenure track positions
- Faculty growth
- Filing of grievances
- Pleased with the team that Dr. Harris has brought to the table
- Looking forward to positively solving the issues
- Acknowledgement that health care is always an issue
- Labor Day Picnic, Monday, North End Park, 1 p.m. until whenever
- Summer sessions – concerns with 4-week format

Birkam Health Center – Judy Issette reported on the meningitis vaccine clinic; over 140 sports physicals were performed at the Sports Complex; the home medical staff received CPR recertification; medical staff received Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training; due to an RN retirement, Candice Price from the Health Department has joined the staff and will provide HIV training and counseling.

Academic Senate update – Adnan Dakkuri reported that a successful senate retreat was held on Aug. 24 at the West Campus Community Center; presentations were very good; concerns were having one password for accessing the information and security issues; Senate will focus on communication as a whole; extended an invitation to all to attend a Senate meeting this year; Sept. 7 meeting will be held at WCCC.

Minority Affairs update – Raymond Gant provided an update from the Office of Minority Affairs. His discussion included:

- Update on the summer camps
- Appreciation to the faculty members who made the summer camps possible
- Black alumni event at the Consortium Preparatory School, Aug. 30
- Update on the Southeast Michigan Black Alumni Association
- Sept. 9 is Get Acquainted Day on the campus quad, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. – all are invited to attend
- Sept. 10 is the annual ice breaker at the student convocation center – 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.
- Not certain about the annual golf outing this year
- Oct. 23 - Hosting annual black alumni event at Eastgate Lanes, 9 p.m.
- Hispanic heritage month, September-October
- Minority enrollment numbers – Honors College numbers

FSU-Grand Rapids – Sandy Davison-Wilson reported that enrollment in Grand Rapids is slightly higher than last year; new student enrollment is flat; and the CPTS should see double digit growth.

Clerical Technical Association update – Allen Sutherby provided discussion regarding the Clerical Technical Association issues. His discussion included:

- CT's have received job audits
- Results of the job audits
- Employee attitudes after audits: CT's versus administrative employees who assume additional duties
- Number of temporary and part-time employees

Legislative Update – Dave Eisler provided an update on the state budget discussions in Lansing, including budget issues with the public universities. Scott Hill-Kennedy reported that it is campaign season, and if anyone wishes to help on campaigns, they are invited to meet with Scott for information on how they can help. This includes both political parties and is on personal time, not work time.

President's update – Dave Eisler provided an update to the Leadership Council. His discussion included:

- Appreciation of Michael Harris' leadership
- Successful summer programs
- One Board meeting will be held this fall (Oct.)
- Lansing – workgroups out of the Governor's office
- Reminder of River Days this weekend
- Reminder of Friday dedication of artwork between COB and IRC
- Excellent showing for game and entertainment last Saturday night
- Overview of IT performance for residence halls this year – much improved
- Less parking complaints
- Planning update – will create a group and assess whether there is progress or not
- Will provide data on state support for higher education at next meeting

Adjournment - at 9:43 a.m., the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Karen K. Paine