

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP COUNCIL 8/14/07 MEETING SUMMARY

Attendance: Jannet Vreeland (Interim Provost-chair)
Ted Batchman (Engineering)
Kathy Boardman (Liberal Arts)
John Burton (Cooperative Extension)
Charlie Bullock (HHS)
Mark Brenner (Research/Graduate School)
Greg Mosier (Business Administration)
Bill Follette (Faculty Senate)
Bill Sparkman (Education)
Dave Thawley (CABNR)
Jeff Thompson (Science)
Rosemary McCarthy (Journalism)
Steve Zink (Library/IT)
Paul Neil (Core Curriculum)
Bill Cathey (Vice Provost)
Fred Holman (Vice Provost)

Announcements:

1. **Provost Search Update.** The search committee has met with the consultants to begin the process. Jannet announced that she will not apply or accept any nomination to apply. Dave Thawley and Heather Hardy are the ALC representatives to the committee.
2. **Dean Searches.** Regarding the Health and Human Sciences search, Jannet announced that she and the President have met with all the units of the college and have determined that it will remain as it is. The search for its permanent dean will be starting shortly, with Paul Neill as its chair. The search for a permanent dean of the College of Science will be starting in the near future, with Dana Edberg as its chair. The Journalism dean search has already started with Bill Sparkman as its chair.
3. **Emeritus Reception.** The Emeritus Reception will be held on Thursday, August 16 in the Honor Court. Deans should attend if they are available. To *rsvp* call Jodi at 4-6326.
4. **Book Project Update.** Members of the ALC were thanked for signing up for student discussion groups on *Sweet Promised Land*. Those who had not signed up were encouraged to contact Robin Gonzales to do so.

Discussion Topics:

University Metrics

Jannet indicated that the metrics envisioned will be a score card on teaching, research and outreach. There will be some metrics posted on the University's website, while others will be

maintained internally. A beginning document will be sent out soon for review and discussion at an ALC meeting.

Faculty Advisory Board

There was a discussion on the recent request for names of faculty to serve on an Advisory Board for Career Development. Bill Cathey shared that Kevin Gaw would like to have people in positions of power or influence within the college serve on the board (deans, associate deans, or senior faculty). This board will be asked to provide good advice on how this division can help students make connections for job opportunities. They would like to strengthen their connections with employers.

City of Reno

The ALC was reminded that they should submit information on any projects their college faculty are working on with the City of Reno to Audrey. She is compiling a list to send to the City.

Renewable Energy Project

Ted Batchman and Jeff Thompson were asked to provide information on this project. They described the \$500,000 gift from SPPC to develop a renewable energy minor and the various plans around it. In addition, Ormat has been working with the City to create a renewable energy visitor's center at Redfield. Fred will provide the room, and it is hoped that the center will be popular with K-12.

A handout consisting of slides that discuss the renewable energy minor was distributed. Jeff and Ted indicated they are looking for participation from others, and would like to know what other faculty are out there who would wish to be involved. The donor wants something up and running this year. A second handout describing an Intro. to Alternative Energy course was provided. ALC members were invited to participate in the development of the course. Jeff Thompson noted that the companies they have talked to are very interested in cross-disciplinary professionals. Those working on this minor were asked to contact DRI to get their representatives on the committee as well.

Fred Holman shared that this is a great opportunity in light of the requirement that a certain percentage of Sierra Pacific's energy be created from renewable energy. It was his opinion that this would be very do-able on line as well. Fred noted he was the contact for the visitor center. TMCC is also development workforce skill courses related renewable energy. It is hoped that eventually the minor will be a certificate program for individuals in the field. Bill Follette added that Faculty Senate is also interested in creating collaborative work for faculty and students in this area. It is believed that there is energy and interest on campus for it.

There will be a campus announcement inviting anyone interested in this work to attend a meeting after classes get underway. Deans were asked to take the information back to their college meetings as well.

Tom Dormody, on sabbatical from New Mexico State, was present as a guest and introduced. He will begin making contact with folks to learn more about the University.

Digital Measures. Steve Zink gave an update on his conversation with Matthew Bartel, owner of the company, and the efforts being made to fix the problems with the system so that it meets the needs of the various colleges and departments.