

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP COUNCIL 11/20/07 MEETING SUMMARY

Attendance: Ted Batchman (Engineering)
Heather Hardy (Liberal Arts)
Charlie Bullock (HHS)
Marsha Read (Research/Graduate School)
Mark Brenner (Research/Graduate School)
Greg Mosier (Business Administration)
Karen Hinton (Cooperative Extension)
Bill Follette (Faculty Senate)
Rosemary McCarthy (RSJ)
Jack Hayes (Science)
Bill Sparkman (Education)
Dave Thawley (CABNR)
Dave Lupan (UNSOM)
Fred Holman (Extended Studies)
Mike Collopy (Academy for the Environment)
Paul Neil (Core Curriculum)
Bruce Shively (PBA)

Discussion Topics:

Davidson Academy

Mark Herron and Colleen Harsin of The Davidson Academy were present and stated their purpose in coming was to enhance the communication between the Academy and the University's academic divisions. They reported that the Academy is now in its second year and third semester and that their relationship with the University has far exceeded their expectations. The construction of their new facilities in JTSU will start soon, and they will start using these facilities next fall. They look forward to being in the core of the campus.

An information packet on the Academy was distributed. There are 44 students currently, and they hope to have 100 next year. Half of their staff is full-time, and they are looking for LOAs or graduate students to teach for them. They work with academic department chairs as their point people for these needs. Colleen Harsin stressed that if a Davidson student is in a university class, it is because they are ready to be there and that these students do not need special accommodation. She encouraged the deans to let her know if they have questions, comments or problems. Parents have been told they should communicate through the Davidson Academy, but that does not always happen. There was a discussion on the safety and liability issues that will need to be addressed in order to provide these students with lab or research experiences.

The Davidson Summer Think Institute will also be held on campus this year. Last year's institute had 60 students on campus for 3 weeks. The deans were encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to have these students come to their college and interact with college faculty.

Draft Misconduct Policy

Mark Brenner distributed a draft misconduct policy for initial input from the ALC. He noted that the Faculty Senate will also be providing input. This draft represents a total revision of the current policy. Mark provided the background for why this policy was being developed. A discussion followed on how this policy might work with the requirements of Chapter 6. The members were asked to provide further feedback to Mark on the policy draft.

National Merits GPA

There was a follow-up discussion on the proposed requirements for National Merit Scholars. The members of the ALC felt it would not help in the recruitment of these students to have all the proposed requirements. They suggested that we investigate what other institutions have for requirements for their National Merit scholarships. It was felt that the focus for these students should be facilitating their needs, not making demands. Paul indicated he would rework the document for the next ALC meeting.

Target 500 Update

Bruce Shively asked for feedback regarding the recruitment sessions conducted thus far. One suggestion they are working on is allotting more time for the colleges. A second Best & Brightest will be held on January 25. It was agreed that these sessions may be attracting students that had planned to come to the University in any event, but that an added benefit may be the positive advocates we are creating who may go back and share what they learned with other high school students. Various suggestions for the Office of Prospective Students were made. It was also suggested that we ensure that the quota for special admits is filled in the coming academic year.

Other

There was a discussion on the tuition and requirements for students from out of state taking online courses. Fred Holman noted he would double check the information.

Bruce Shively stated that we would probably hear in January what the Governor wants to do with the budget. He reported on the various strategies that might be used to address the system's share of the state's shortfall.