

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
12/4/07 MEETING SUMMARY

Attendance: Jannet Vreeland (Provost)
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)
Jeff Thompson (Science)
Bill Sparkman (Education)
Dave Thawley (CABNR)
Dave Lupan (UNSOM)
Fred Holman (Extended Studies)
Bill Cathey (Vice Provost)
Paul Neil (Core Curriculum)
Bruce Shively (PBA)

Announcements:

1. **Professional Development Leaves.** Letters have gone out to the applicants for professional development leaves, and copies have gone to their dean and chair. Jannet reminded the deans that applications for leave considered in the fall are for leaves to be taken in the next academic year.
2. **Promotion & Tenure Applications.** Final decision letters for this year's promotion and tenure applicants are being prepared and will be provided to the deans for hand delivery to the faculty members early next week.
3. **Board of Regents Agenda Items.** Board of Regents' Committee deadlines for agenda items now occur earlier. In addition, deans were told that their agenda items will be examined more carefully in the coming months, requiring earlier deadlines. Those revised deadlines will be forwarded shortly.
4. **Winter Commencement.** The deans were reminded that Winter Commencement was Saturday. Line-up and ceremony times were noted.
5. **Argenta Performance.** Heather Hardy reminded the ALC of the Argenta performance at Nightingale Concert Hall on Friday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m. with cellist John Lenz and pianist James Winn welcoming violinist Stephanie Sant' Ambrogio.

Discussion Topics:

Board of Regents Meeting Report

Mark Brenner and Jannet Vreeland updated the group on the discussion regarding the revised Conflict of Interest policy which had been discussed at the Board meeting as well as the next steps regarding the policy. They noted that the policy was on the agenda for the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Voluntary System of Accountability

Jannet Vreeland explained that UNR, Nevada State College, and UNLV were taking the lead on participating in this project and that a task force was being formed to work on it. The system institutions will have four years to decide on the process to be used for measuring learning outcomes. There is the understanding that each institution can come up with their own methods for measuring outcomes. Bill Cathey will send conference information on an upcoming NASULGC web conference on the VSA as well as a template.

Digital Measures Update

Duncan Aldrich was present to provide an update on the Digital Measures project. He noted it had taken him some weeks to learn what the issues were and be reactive to the concerns that he learned about. There were a number of questions at the HR workshop that he is working on.

Upon question concerning student help, Duncan reported that he would have a few students who will be available to cut and paste data on a limited basis. If faculty send their CVs to him, these students can input the last 5 years of data for them. Additionally, they can work on bibliography information for the last year. They do not have enough students to provide this service for all faculty, however.

They are also looking at other enhancements to the system, including conflict of interest input and data feeds from OSPA. Concerning the data from OSPA, however, it is clear that faculty will have to edit this information and double check the data for classes they instruct. Handouts on tips and cautions for academic faculty are available. Deans and chairs can run key reports on the data, but for special reports they may have to run the full data and then massage it for their own special reports. Three workshops in the next two weeks have been scheduled for faculty needing additional help or training. Deans recommended that next year fields should be eliminated if they do not apply to certain academic areas or that an explanation pop up be created for the fields that are not required for all faculty. Adding qualifiers for the data (i.e., outreach) was also recommended.

Provost Update

Jannet Vreeland provided a report on the things she is working on. First, she is working with HR to make sure there is a process in place for ensuring that faculty experiencing health issues are informed of their rights and benefits. She recommended that each dean's office ensure that someone in their office is trained on FMLA. Finally, she asked for any recommendations concerning a process for creating new awards.

President's Report

President Glick reported on the Board of Regents' meeting held on November 29 & 30, particularly regarding the board's thoughts regarding the state budget crisis. He reported that most of the suggestions being considered by the system were agreeable to UNR. The president also gave an update on the budget process for the next biennium. The presidents and chancellor will meet next week to start a discussion on the process and talk about needs and themes. He shared the possible themes he would support including getting rid of the structural deficit, improving our position for research and development, and attracting the best and brightest students. These discussions will continue, and the president noted that he will solicit input along the way.

Bruce Shively reported numbers of applications from new students. He noted that 83 of these applications were from students whose scores we had purchased, and that probably most of these students would never have considered us as an option if we had not contacted them.