

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP COUNCIL 6/10/08 MEETING SUMMARY

Attendance: Jannet Vreeland (Interim Provost)
Marc Johnson (Provost)
Ted Batchman (Engineering)
Manos Maragakis (Engineering)
Heather Hardy (Liberal Arts)
Marsha Read (Research/Graduate School)
Mark Brenner (Research/Graduate School)
Charlie Bullock (Health & Human Sciences)
Greg Mosier (Business Administration)
Karen Hinton (Cooperative Extension)
Jerry Ceppos (RSJ)
Jeff Thompson (Science)
Dave Lupan (Medicine)
Bill Sparkman (Education)
Dave Thawley (CABNR)
Steve Zink (Library/IT)
Elliott Parker (Faculty Senate)
Mike Collopy (Academy for the Environment)
Paul Neill (Core Curriculum)
Bruce Shively (PBA)

Announcements:

1. An ALC Retreat is currently being planned for all day on August 14, 2008.
2. A reception thanking Ted Batchman for his years of dedicated service as dean of the College of Engineering will be held on June 10, beginning at 4 p.m.
3. The deans' memos explaining the outcome of third-year reviews done for probationary tenure-track faculty in their colleges were due June 1.
4. The deans were asked to make sure that there is someone to make decisions for the College or that the dean is able to be contacted for those decisions through the end of June.

Discussion Topics:

Info-Monitors Update

Steve Zink noted that this was a project started by the Communications office a year or so ago. ASUN agreed to provide video monitors for buildings around campus. One thing needed was to have some coordination of the monitors to make sure that content is constantly changing. The

Union and Bookstore currently have them, and site licenses for the Knowledge Center are in place as well. Steve noted that the software is available, and he urged colleges planning similar monitors to consider using it for coordinating their information. He noted that there will be a library of content available that can be accessed. This library can ensure that the colleges have all the options they could ask for.

President Update

President Glick was present to provide an update. He announced that Athletics had negotiated a major display for the university at the security gates at the airport. These can change as often as we want.

He and other university administrators met last week with representatives of the Minerals Commission which has offered to ask for a surcharge on mining claims in order to generate funds for the Mining Engineering program to help offset their costs. This will be in place for 5 years, and they will consider an additional 5 years if all goes well.

No statements or announcements regarding the budget will be made until after next week's Board of Regents meeting. It is the hope that the board will give the campuses the right to search for their own solutions. The President will conduct a Town Hall for University faculty and staff next week to provide information, dispel rumors and answer questions. He asked for the deans' best thinking and willingness to participate in a dialog about ways to deal with the budget crisis.

The Faculty Senate has provided some principles that will guide the process of looking at University programs or operations that could be downsized, combined or eliminated. Elliott Parker shared the contents of the list and noted it had been unanimously approved at their last meeting. This information will be posted on the web.

Jannet Vreeland is willing to talk to people about phase in retirement or buy outs.

Incoming Provost Remarks

Marc Johnson noted that though he would not officially take over as Provost until July 1, he was meeting with as many people as he could to learn as much as he can prior to that date. He advised the deans to start thinking now about where they would cut. Bruce agreed to provide information they can use to start evaluating. He added that revenue replacement activities should also be identified. There was a discussion on the use of financial exigency, and the pros and cons of that.

Marc provided a document of leadership principles and reviewed it with the deans. He noted that the university deans' role this year will be to help faculty focus on their work and not on the negatives. He added that their ability to pull off a difficult situation and do so while maintaining morale would be a show of good leadership.