

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
JANUARY 20, 2009, MEETING SUMMARY

Attendance: Marc Johnson (Provost)
Dawn Arnold (Engineering)
Heather Hardy (Liberal Arts)
John McDonald (Health Sciences)
Greg Mosier (Business Administration)
Karen Hinton (Cooperative Extension)
Jeff Thompson (Science)
Jerry Ceppos (Journalism)
Bill Sparkman (Education)
Ron Pardini (CABNR)
Steve Zink (Library/IT)
Marsha Read (VPR)
Elliott Parker (Faculty Senate)
Fred Holman (Extended Studies)
Mike Collopy (Academy for the Environment)
Bruce Shively (PBA)
Bill Cathey (Vice Provost)
Jannet Vreeland (Vice Provost)
Paul Neill (Core Curriculum)

Announcements:

1. Promotion & Tenure reconsiderations are due to the Provost's office by 1/30. Please let Audrey know if you have any that you will be submitting.
2. Deans' Self-Evaluations are due to the Provost by 1/30.
3. Conflict of Interest forms should be submitted by all faculty and staff through their deans' or vice president's offices by 1/30.
4. Fall schedules will be delayed for a few days.
5. All proposals for searches, regardless of appropriation line, should now come to the provost's office for consideration by the Expenditures Committee. A decision about current searches will be made this week.

Discussion Topics:

Website Content

Jannet Vreeland asked the deans to work with their units and faculty to ensure that University-sponsored websites contain appropriate content. This includes any links from University

websites as well. There are no guidelines as to what is appropriate, but it was felt that information that is overtly political or in poor taste should be discouraged.

Strategic Planning

The current version of the strategic planning matrix was provided for further review and comment. The provost noted that he wanted to continue to develop this document based on input he receives. He noted that each cell will get described in prose with some data about the intensity of our productivity included. The development of the narrative will continue, with the end result being a draft strategic plan document. This will go out to faculty and staff with only a couple of weeks to respond. The provost explained that he and the faculty senate leadership are looking at survey possibilities to identify clusters of associated activity. Once the clusters are identified, the document will report where the University is in terms of faculty and other resources—where we are and where we are moving.

There was some discussion on the various topical focus categories and whether they needed adjustment. Some ALC members felt that many faculty and staff would be concerned about where they fit into these categories, especially in this current budget climate. Some suggestions were (1) to include some description of each of the topical focus categories in order to amplify the inclusiveness of them; (2) broaden the topical focus categories; (3) consider a strong preamble to the document.

Teaching Resource Management

The provost noted that he would like individual course assignments and expected SFTE generation by faculty and department for Spring 2010 by the end of January. This information will help in calculating the temporary instructional and academic need funds for spring, 2010 as has been done for fall.

Budget

A handout detailing the Governor's recommendations for UNR's appropriations was provided. The provost announced that the decision had been made to use a planning target of a 20 percent reduction for each appropriation area, rather than the recommendation percentages. The hope is that there will be some proposals for new revenue as well as some tradeoffs as a result of the federal stimulus package. In the coming weeks, the provost will be meeting with each dean and vice president to figure out how to approach this reduction, with a review of the budget for each area line by line. The ALC members recommended that legal counsel be asked to draft some language that can be used in contracts and offers that covers the uncertainty because of the budget. The provost noted that another round of teaching resource management may be necessary as more is known. He encouraged the academic leadership to remain calm, keep their employees informed, and counsel them to not make rash decisions.

The ALC was informed of the ASUN call to action regarding the budget. The various activities the students have planned were discussed.