

# ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

## April 7, 2009 MEETING SUMMARY

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

### Announcements:

1. Jannet Vreeland reminded the deans to submit their college student awards to Elaine Casey for inclusion in the commencement program.
2. A future issue of the Silver & Blue will focus on faculty who are receiving national and international awards and recognitions. Individuals with information that might be useful are asked to contact Melanie Robbins in VPDAR.
3. Jeff Thompson announced that Chemistry Assistant Professor Liming Zhang was recently named an Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow.
4. Bill Cathey announced that Carmelo Urza and Susie Bender each received awards at the Northern Nevada International Center's event on April 3. They were honored for their commitment to the gala's theme of "renewing American friendship with the world."
5. Bill Cathey also encouraged those present to contact WCSD board members regarding the importance of hiring a new superintendent who works with higher education, since Paul Dugan is retiring.
6. Karen Hinton reported that they had recently offered a very successful federal grants workshop. She noted that Extended Studies did an excellent job on the registration.

7. Heather Hardy announced the College of Liberal Arts news: Bruce Moran was named the Outstanding Researcher of the Year; David Ake was the winner of the Tibbitts Distinguished Teaching Award; Debbie Boehm won a Fulbright Fellowship to go to Mexico. In addition, there was a press conference scheduled for later that day for the two debate students to present their trophies to the president.
8. Elliott Parker announced that the Board of Regents has passed a proposal that would allow future UNR bylaw changes to be approved at the Chancellor level. It was the consensus that major unit bylaws would be approved at the provost level.

### Discussion Topics:

#### National Merit Update

Bruce Shively announced that the deadline for National Merit Students to declare their institution of first choice was three weeks away. There are a record number of students who have declared UNR as their institution of choice this year—11. So far, they have selected programs in COBA, Engineering, and CABNR. He noted that there is a chance that we can pick up 2 or 3 additional students.

Bruce then shared the idea from the Target 500 group to offer a “signing” event for National Merit and Presidential Scholar students, similar to the event often done for athletes. The planning group has selected 6-7 schools that will be targeted for this event. The President, Provost, and Vice President for Student Services will be deciding who will attend each of these, and Bruce asked for ALC members to participate as well. He provided a handout with details and introduced Ray Needham and Natalie Savidge who are working on the logistics. They are trying to get media attention for these events as well. The plan is for these events to be held sometime between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., with a one-half hour presentation and then social time thereafter. The event is being called Nevada Scholars Signing Day. The deans asked for a list of the students being included. They were also informed of a reception at the president’s home for National Merit and Presidential Scholars on April 30. They were asked to hold their calendars for this event.

#### Budget Update

President Glick was present to share what he had been hearing regarding the final budget numbers. He noted that there is nothing concrete yet, and that we would probably not know anything for two months. He asked the members to let the administration know if there were things they should be doing regarding the budget. The president thanked Marc Johnson for all of his work on the budget, including center reviews and teaching resource management. Bruce Shively described the work being done at the system level on the budget proposal. It was also noted that the sizeable decreases in investment income, commitments for the iNtegrate project, and expected utility increases were impacting the budget.

#### Graduate Education Issues

Marsha provided a handout describing graduate education issues that Grad. Council was currently dealing with. She asked the members to review and consider the information on the handout and get back to her or to their council representative prior to the next meeting on April

28. There was a discussion on the issues of progress toward degree and how GA positions are budgeted and allocated.

#### Work & Family Task Force Idea

The provost presented an idea from the Work & Family Task Force for a “Bring the Family to Work Day.” ALC Members provided some input and recommendations on this idea. These comments were gathered, and Marc agreed to pass them along to the committee.

#### Strategic Planning Update

Marc announced that strategic planning meetings were scheduled for April 23 & 30. (Note: These meetings were later changed to April 30 and May 7.) A second draft of the planning report incorporating suggestions received from members of the campus community will be provided in advance of those meetings. In addition to the deans, administrative and academic faculty members being gathered by Faculty Senate will attend these meetings. Student and classified staff representatives will also be included. The provost asked the deans to look carefully at the sections of the plan that affect their colleges.

#### NSHE Update

The provost informed the deans that in connection with the iNtegrate project, NSHE is proposing to expand the use by institutions of Accuplacer scores for English and Math courses. They are also looking at the possibility of iNtegrate being used for faculty workload reports. Finally, the system has asked what the impact would be of providing reduced tuition & fees for persons over 62. It was noted that there is already a Grant-in-Aid program for them and for military students.