

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP COUNCIL May 5, 2009 MEETING SUMMARY

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

Announcements:

1. Jerry Ceppos announced that their college's award dinner was that evening. He noted that they were awarding \$110,000 in scholarships and announcing this year's recipient of the Spangler Service Award. Nita Spangler will be present for the award for the first time.
2. Jeff Thompson announced that their faculty and staff awards reception was Thursday afternoon, May 7.
3. Marsha Read is working on the Peterson Annual Survey of Graduate Programs.
4. Ron Pardini reported that CABNR's awards reception had been held the previous week. He also announced that the Animal Biotech program was being reviewed by CSREES in September. The Main Station Farm Field Day is September 12.
5. Dave Lupan noted that UNSOM's awards ceremony was the following week. He also announced that the Molecular Medicine Building construction is one month ahead of schedule.
6. Bruce Shively reported that there are 9 new National Merit students coming in the fall, with another 2 possible. He asked the deans to take action regarding the 261 full-time freshmen who started in Fall 2009 but have not registered for classes yet. He noted that the college's recruitment and retention officers have the information on these students.

7. Bill Sparkman informed the group that Janet Usinger's husband had passed away over the weekend. A memorial service is being planned. Also, the College's math professional development project will receive an award from the federal government; the CEP Program was to undergo a program review that week; and the College is preparing to welcome its tenth cohort of Dean's Future Scholars.
8. Manos Maragakis announced that the college's new associate dean is Indira Chatterjee. She will start her duties in July. Her emphasis will be in research, while others in the college have been engaged to help with advising and assessment.
9. John McDonald noted his division's faculty awards ceremony had been the prior week and the students' ceremony the week before.
10. Bill Cathey announced that the external reviewer's report draft concerning the Focused Interim Accreditation visit had been received that morning. A response is being prepared, and the final report will be shared.
11. Fred Holman announced that the Independent Learning Program Review was May 11-12.
12. Karen Hinton noted that the current week was Wildfire Awareness Week. She distributed a publication that focused on embers that fly during wildfires. Ed Smith and Sonya Sistare were recently honored with a Bronze Smokey Bear Award by the National Association of State Foresters for their work on the Living With Fire program.
13. Greg Mosier announced that the college had distributed 1,500 Spanish language brochures regarding the college's programs during Cinco de Mayo. In addition, the college had a great picnic last Saturday attended by over 110 faculty and students. Their undergraduate awards banquet was to be held on Thursday.
14. Elliott Parker announced that the meeting would be the last he attended as Faculty Senate Chair Elect.

Discussion Topics:

Intel International Science and Engineering Fair

Jane Tors was present and gave a report on this upcoming event being held at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center. The public day is Thursday, May 14. She noted that this event is a strong recruitment opportunity for the university and summarized the sponsorship and presence the university will have during the week-long event.

Conflict of Interest/Faculty Consulting

Marsha Read is preparing a report for the Board of Regents on faculty consulting. She asked the deans to confirm that they had sent information on faculty consulting (not conflict of interest reporting) to her. There was a discussion on the reporting issues for consulting and conflicts of interest, and the provost agreed to look into it. In particular, he was asked to see if this could be done on-line.

Budget Update

Bruce shared that very little was known yet about the higher education budget. Closing was expected on Friday, May 8, and this will provide a good sense of where the university stands. The provost reported that a Special Board of Regents meeting was scheduled for May 12 concerning the budget, and that the President had scheduled a town hall on May 13. (Note: The Town Hall is now scheduled for May 18.) The provost also reported that they were meeting with each of the deans to have a final discussion concerning the 20% plans. The plan is to come up with a list of identified cuts and then figure out what to act on with the number the university is finally given. Finally, it was announced that there were no details on any salary cuts and how those will play out and no plans or calculations regarding tuition increases.

Strategic Planning Update

The provost provided an update on the strategic planning effort. A second meeting with deans and faculty representatives was to be held on Thursday, May 7. A third draft of the plan will be created this summer. The provost and Elliott Parker presented their shared thoughts on the plan and the process as a result of the first meeting.

New York Times

The provost reported that he had met with Todd Halvorsen of the New York Times informing him that the university would not be continuing the program in the next fiscal year due to budget challenges. However, if there are deans or colleges who would like to continue a limited program for their colleges or departments, he noted that that was a possibility. Deans were asked to let the provost know if they were interested in this.