

August 6, 2013 Dean's Council Meeting Minutes

Present:

Matthew Adeyanju, Mindy Baumgartner, Paul Blake, David Damari, Fritz Erickson, Scott Garrison, Don Green, Robin Hoisington, Michelle Johnston, Andy Karafa for Rick Kurtz, Dave Nicol, Bill Potter, Karen Strasser, Robbie Teahen, JK Yates, Kim Wilber **Guests:** Peter Bradley, Deb Cox, Kim Dickman, Steve Stratton

Honors Program Admission and Retention Policy

Bill Potter and Peter Bradley presented proposals in regards to the Honors Program admissions and retention policies. Changing the current Honors admissions model to a more holistic evaluation process would be more in line with our core values. Additionally, implementing the proposal would bring us more in line with practices at our peer institutions, as would implementing the Honors program Retention Policy.

Web Accessibility

Deb Cox and Kim Dickman presented current laws in place for teaching students with disabilities. Campus-wide media accessibility is a mandate and creating this accessibility must be a consistent endeavor. They will be available to work with faculty to assist them in implementing these requirements. They asked the deans to please help support and encourage their faculty and departments to design a plan of accessibility for course/publication materials as this effort requires all to work together.

Contract Negotiations Updates

Steve Stratton presented an update regarding CTA and FFA contracts.

Position Justifications

Justifications for the following replacements of tenure-track faculty were reviewed and after discussion concluded, the vote was unanimous to post each of these positions:

Marketing - F11046; Accounting - F11267; Electronics - F11001; Construction Mgt. - F11200.

Round Table

Karen Strasser encouraged attendance at student research presentations during faculty professional week.

Scott Garrison shared news on the Big Rapids public library facilities relocation to FLITE and also presented an update on the digital signage proposal and shared plans for implementing the Smart Search system at FLITE.

David Damari shared that the college is actively working on strategic planning and moving forward towards a curriculum review.

Steve Durst was pleased to announce that Jon Sprague will soon be joining the college as their new assistant dean.

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Don Green shared good news regarding enrollment growth.

JK Yates gave an update on the college's donations, enrollments, and collaborative efforts with Wexford Missaukee Tech Center.

Mindy Baumgartner shared information on the August 20th Faculty Celebration Event scheduled at the Granger Center atrium and courtyard.

Paul Blake distributed Fall Semester enrollment statistics.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Hoisington