Leadership Council

Discussion Notes of a Meeting of the
Leadership Council
Wednesday, February 4, 2004
Timme Center for Student Services

Call to Order

Dave Eisler called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

In Attendance

Kevin Alexander, Dan Burcham, Richard Cochran, Rick Duffett, Dave Eisler, Raymond Gant, Jason Granger, Rick Griffin, Scott Hill-Kennedy, Judith Issette, Randy Jancek, Tom Oldfield, Karen Paine, Bill Papo, Allen Sutherby and Tom Weaver.

Dave Eisler provided a greeting to the members.

The discussion notes were reviewed. A change was noted and will be reflected in the final copy for the website posting.

**IT Matters.** Richard Cochran distributed IT Matters. Information provided included information on the Luminis implementation; virus information; PureMessage software; discontinuation of Sabari; Campus-Wide notices of virus alerts; and the Packeteer system for bandwidth management.

**Computer viruses and other cyber attacks** - discussion included the address of cyber terrorism and computer viruses, including patches, future downloads, authentication systems, backup systems, firewalls, spam protection, security issues, disciplinary scanning, and quota for disk space. A suggestion was made to consider focusing attention on virus prevention at the beginning of each semester, as there appears to be a pattern of greatest risk during this period.

**MERIT** - the current decision is to remain with this service; however we will continue to look at other providers.

**Software distribution for employees** - Microsoft Office software for home use by employees will be available in the next couple of weeks. The cost will be $10.

**TAC** - The Technology Assistance Center statistics were distributed and reviewed.

**Notes of Appreciation** - Bill Papo extended his appreciation to those responsible for clearing parking lots. Tom Weaver provided additional information on the supplemental crew available for extensive hours. Dan Burcham also extended his appreciation for the extra effort performed during Dawg Days. Tom Weaver extended his appreciation of the collective working agreement with Rick Duffett.

**Tom Weaver and Rick Duffett** provided additional discussion on the following items:
- Staffing needs - will have to address future staffing needs as the opportunities develop
- Economic challenges
- Rising medical costs
- Michigan Universities' Coalition on Health
- Position vacancies
- Response to savings ideas that were recommended

**Student/Staff Safety** - discussion included:
- A reminder for everyone to be watchful of unusual incidents around them.
- FSU's Safe Ride Bus means just that - a safe ride.
- We have made considerable progress in exterior lighting around campus.
- Child care is now available in FLITE through Tot's Place.
- Encouraged to visit residence halls to see what environments our students live in and talk with them.
- Reminder that the counseling center is available at the Birkam Health Center.

**Updates from Dave Eisler**
- VPAA Search - hope to have a decision within the next week
- Governor's State of the State speech - 3 main items
  - $50 million bond for interest-free loans for technology, for working in Michigan;
  - Citizenship component in the MERIT proposal;
  - Tuition restraint proposal
- Planning discussions are underway - UAPs are on the website, along with the schedule for the rest of the presentations
- Meetings with staff are now being scheduled; note invitations should be arriving soon; informal process; all are encouraged to attend
- Currently investigating appropriate time and venue for presenting planning information; open to suggestions
- Extended invitation to any Leadership Council member(s) to join Dave for lunch on campus

**Microsoft Licensing** - Rick Duffett reported that they are investigating a model that would not require a fee.

**MEA Update** - Rick Griffin reported that the MEA is looking at a redefinition of K-12, changing to K-16.

**Allen Sutherby** reported that the Clerical Technical Union is starting a newsletter. Allen also reported that he is a fire chief, and he brought a Fire Investigation class to campus through the National Fire Academy. If it is successful, it may be implemented on a more full-time basis. He received notification that he has again successfully secured funding for the FEMA grant for the Morton Township Fire Department ($250,000 for two years).

**New Public Safety Officer** - Randy Jancek reported on the hire of a new Public Safety Officer, Aaron Humphries, who started on Monday, February 2.
**Student Government Update** - Jason Granger reported on upcoming events, including a day at the State House and the Michigan Campus Compact teleconference; lobbying efforts; feasibility study on the use of Rankin Center; elections will be early this year (March); Amanda Umlandt and Nancy Harrison are running for Student Government President; the $5 fee for Katke was passed last Tuesday, but it is still being considered; and, they are looking into a shuttle system for campus (a feasibility study is being investigated).

**Academic Senate Update** - Bill Papo reported that the Academic Senate is actively working to get through the review of all programs.

**Adjournment** - the Council adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Leadership Council is scheduled for Wednesday, March 3, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. in CSS 302.

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