President’s Council / Deans’ Council  
Meeting Summary  
September 10, 2008  
8:30 a.m., CSS 302

Attendance:  
Armstrong, Burcham, Christner, Eisler, Evans, Kamptner, Pilgrim, Postema  
Haneline, Flickinger, Johnston, Klein, Mathison, Nicol, Oldfield, Peterson-Klein, Potter, Teahen

Discussion Issues:

- Announcements  
  President Eisler reported that the college meetings regarding the guidelines for enhancing the relationship between the FFA and the administration have been postponed.

- Goals/Initiatives  
  The current SPARC-approved Goals and Initiatives were distributed. Questions focused on a potential new initiative (Goal 1, Initiative 6), developing a plan for online and multi-site efforts. A draft statement will be taken to Stakeholder Conferences later this month for University-wide discussion and revision.

- Strategic Plan by year  
  The Strategic Plan, organized by year, was provided. Vice Presidents presented information and updates to the group, then responded to questions for each Year 1 initiative. For Goal 4, Initiative 5, President Eisler asked each department to watch “Shots Fired,” the active shooter video, with a Campus Police officer present.

- SPARC  
  President Eisler explained that the purpose of the Strategic Planning and Resource Council is to update, track, and maintain the Strategic Plan. At their October meeting SPARC will hear presentations on emergency preparedness, capital campaign planning, a geothermal opportunity, annual planning and comments from the University community on the potential new initiative. He encouraged deans to attend any or all meetings of the SPARC. The Strategic Plan will be mailed to all donors and alumni during spring semester. The University will send annual reports to describe the efforts on each initiative.

- Annualized Planning  
  President Eisler presented the main points, process and timeline of the annualized plan. CDO Pilgrim offered table top scrolls with the new mission statement and list of core values to each dean. Division and colleges will be working to align values, mission, vision and goals during this academic year. There was a suggestion that language such as “building upon the University mission (values\vision)” be used for division, college or department statements. We are eliminating the “UAP” language. Annual planning will be iterative with decisions both positive and negative at each step in the process. Draft templates were circulated for comment; revisions will be made before releasing to divisions/colleges. The unit level planning will flow to the dean, who approves and rejects components of the plans presented, informing department of these decisions, the college plan is then submitted to the VPAA, who approves and rejects components of the college plans, providing feedback to the deans who share this feedback with departments, finally the division plans are presented to the President’s Council, who approves and rejects portions of these
plans with feedback to the deans and departments. The decisions of the Presidents Council will be shared with the University community in April. This process is not designed to be a showcase for accomplishments during year. President Eisler will meet with divisions once per year and colleges twice per year to see and hear about the successes in the colleges. President’s Council will refine the process at the division level, deans will collectively determine what will work best for colleges and departments. This framework for annual planning should be completed by the beginning of October.

Meeting adjourned 10:00am

Next meeting date: President’s Council and Deans’ Council will next meet on the 2nd Wednesday of October, on the 8th at 8:30am.

Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner