

DEANS' COUNCIL MINUTES

**Wednesday, August 9, 2006
10:00 a.m. -12:00 noon
Provost's Conference Room**

Attending: Bowers, Edwards, Ginnetti, Herbert, Hirtzel, Kasuganti, Kasvinsky, Khawaja, Kobulnicky, Ritchey, Yemma

Guests: Tod Porter, Bill Jenkins, Pam Palumbo

1. Announcements

Edwards:

- *Homework Express* was nominated for an Emmy award.
- The College of Fine and Performing Arts is getting ready to move 30 concerts to the new Ford Recital Hall downtown.

2. Commencement – Pam Palumbo

Commencement is August 19, 2006. Procession starts promptly at 10:00 a.m.; robing at 9-9:30 a.m. in room 303. Expecting 300 graduates. There will be three doctoral graduates; the majority are master's. Edwards and Ginnetti will hood recipients. Diplomas and reception in the Chestnut room following commencement.

3. Chairpersons' Retreat – Tod Porter

The annual Punderson retreat will occur on September 21 and 22, 2006. The first day will address funding, program review, changes in the *Agreement* as they relate to recruitment and hiring, and the role of the Chair. The second day will focus on the "First-Year Experience" and the proposal for a "Community College."

4. Gen Ed – Bill Jenkins

Academic Profile Tests:

Bill Jenkins reviewed the results of the Academic Profile tests, which show that despite our low selectivity in admissions, our students move from a 40th percentile in academic skill as freshmen to over the 49th percentile as seniors. Universities taking the test show an aggregate decline in

test results from 53rd percentile for freshmen to 51st percentile for seniors. This seems to indicate that YSU adds value to students in greater proportion than the average (among institutions whose students take the test). Bill's data also address sub-scores for reading, writing, mathematics, critical thinking, etc.

Discussion focused on the details of data collection and analysis. In general, there was agreement that the data and the process were very interesting and should be pursued, especially for presentation during institutional re-accreditation.

Compliance with GenEd requirements:

The percentage of graduates in full compliance has gone up but is still low. Bill provided breakouts by college enrollment. Discussion focused on reasons students graduate without meeting the requirements.

Bill passed around a copy of the "Intensive Requirements" draft from the 4/24/06 Academic Senate meeting and asked deans to discuss compliance with their department chairs. Bill also asked deans to work with chairs on compliance with the Senate resolution about standard advisement sheets.

5. Cameras on Campus

The Provost reviewed issues of roles and responsibilities with respect to security on campus and especially security-monitoring via networked cameras. He encouraged deans to work with Campus Police to assist them with their responsibility to ensure security and to not take this role from the police.

6. Academic Planning Process

The Provost e-mailed a draft document to Deans' Council members on August 8, outlining a process and timetable for academic planning. We will discuss it next week at Deans' Council.

7. Deans' Self-Evaluations

The Provost asked each dean to write a page, or two if necessary, about the past year's accomplishments, expectations for the coming year, and hopes for working better as a team. Documents are due by 8/23/06. The Provost will schedule an individual appointment with each dean in early September to discuss performance review.

8. New Business

- "Walkabout": On 8/21/06 at 7:30 a.m., unions will walk around the campus to celebrate the *Agreements*.
- The Provost and Nate Ritchey are working on the new-faculty orientation, including a panel

of “advanced” junior faculty who can discuss issues of being a new faculty and some senior faculty who will talk about the tenure/promotion processes. Suggestions for the orientation should be sent to Nate.

- Marlene Daily’s retirement reception will be 3-5 p.m. on Thursday, 8/24/06, in the Schwebel room of Kilcawley Center.

9. Adjourn

Notes & Reminders:

President’s Address & Reception – August 21 (Chestnut Room – 10:00 a.m.)

Provost’s all-faculty meeting – August 21 (Chestnut Room – 1:00–2:00 p.m.)

Academic Affairs new-faculty orientation – August 23 (DeBartolo Stadium Club)
(approx. 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

Human Resources new-faculty orientation – August 24

President’s Reception for New Faculty – August 24 – 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Outstanding Freshman Scholars Tribute – August 27 (Chestnut Room – 2:00 p.m.)

Chairs’ Retreat – Punderson State Park (September 21–22, 2006)