

DEANS COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, July 18, 2007

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Provost Conference Room

Attending: Abraham, Bowers, Edwards, Furnish, Ginnetti, Kasvinsky, Khawaja, Kobulnicky, Kohut, Ward, Yemma

1. Announcements

- The President asked Dr. Bege Bowers, Acting Provost, to make a couple of announcements: 1) Please look carefully at the Summer semester enrollment data reports, and commence the normal processing that needs to be done. 2) Dr. Bowers must submit our plan for next year's divisional institutional priorities, and also a progress report on achieving goals in last year's Institutional Plan. She will e-mail the institutional priorities you submitted last year to ask if they were accomplished. Bege noted that chairs and directors have already received notices about submitting their upcoming 'plans' in July. Institutional priorities would include such major items as accreditation site visits and academic programs in the final stages of development. The HLC visit preparation and the Academic Strategic Plan are major priorities at the Academic Division level.
- Marilyn Ward asked the deans to send her their financial needs for any site visits that are pending this academic year—anything that is not an annual expense. This includes travel and printing for site visits. All are funded at the level we allow.
- Dr. Ikram Khawaja announced his appreciation for being asked to serve as the Interim Provost effective August 20, and expressed his willingness to help us continue as a unified, cohesive unit. He hopes everyone will continue to do their part to accomplish what needs to be done in an open, professional, and accountable manner. This cannot be accomplished without the council's leadership, support, and partnership in maintaining the unit. His three key items of immediate importance are the accreditation of YSU, negotiations, and the implementation of the Academic Strategic Plan.

2. Academic Strategic Plan "Champions"

At our first meeting after Dr. Khawaja's arrival as Interim Provost on August 20, he would like to receive ideas from council on how we can compartmentalize certain points of responsibility and set goals. The Academic Strategic Plan will need to be well started, and he asks for support and partnership on this initiative. He asked members of council to look at the Goals of the Academic Strategic Plan and determine which portion of the plan they would like to work on.

Also, he asked council to please share their thoughts with him on the negotiation process, so as to determine what role we can collectively play in that process as the academic sector.

3. Provost's Office

Dr. Bowers passed out a list of the Provost's area priorities for FY 08, and upcoming meetings and events of the next 6 weeks (see attachment). A short discussion followed, and Bege asked to please let her know if she left anything out.

She reminded the deans of the Chairpersons' Retreat on September 20 and 21, 2007. Sharon Stringer is preparing presentations for the student learning and student engagement portion of the retreat.

4. New Business

A short discussion about incoming chairs followed, and council would like to look at doing a better job of mentoring the development of the new chairs.

Dr. Bowers will remain Acting Provost through August 19, 2007.

Dr. Kobulnicky mentioned that Dr. Chordas is now in charge of the Metro College (which is now located under the Public Service Institute). They are keeping the Metropolitan College name alive, as Metro Credit and Metro Non-credit. Dr. Chordas would like Karla Krodell, Director of Metro Credit, to come to the Deans Council and talk about courses being offered off campus and where we are going with that. Dr. Chordas reports to Dr. Kasvinsky.

There are currently some moves of departments and centers, and newly reorganized units and administrators. It was felt that there should be a university-wide campus announcement of the changes.

Bege thanked everyone for their help and said she will continue to rely on their help for the near future.

5. Adjourn

Minutes recorded by Debbie Withrow