

DEANS COUNCIL MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Provost's Conference Room

Attendees: Clayton (Guest), Davis, Edwards, Furnish, Ginnetti, Harmon, Jalali, Kasvinsky, Khawaja, Licata, J. Mosca, Singler

1. Announcements

- (Edwards) October 4, 2007, is the opening of the YSU Theater production of *Murder in the Cathedral*, at St. John's Episcopal Church. Dinner will be served before the show.

2. Program Development Plan – M.S. in Applied Behavior Analysis (M. Clayton)

Mike Clayton, Psychology Department, presented the preliminary proposal, the Program Development Plan for the Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis at Youngstown State University (see the attached proposal and PowerPoint). The program is designed to provide applied, comprehensive training in behavior analysis using evidence-based practices for education and treatment. The demand for degrees in this field far outstrips the supply. There are no universities in Northeast Ohio offering graduate training in behavior analysis. The program will require no new faculty at this time, but two graduate assistantships are requested. The coursework requirement is 225 classroom hours, and 1,500 hours of supervised fieldwork is required to become certified. Students will be strongly encouraged to become board certified. A short question and answer period followed.

3. NEOC Update

Dr. Kasvinsky stated there has been a whirlwind of activity from the NEOC. There are 12 proposals dealing with the medical school (NEOUCOM), and the commission is looking at the pros and cons. A sub-group is studying the cost of such proposals; it is estimated that just to effect a change in the government system would cost \$60M to \$120M. Ultimately, the legislature will have to deal with the funding issues.

Several recommendations have been brought forward as likely to be in the commission's full and final end-of-the-year report, i.e., a common admission application, cross-registration, two-year articulation transfer, Northeast Ohio University on-line degree programs, and group purchasing of electricity. In addition, the Mahoning Valley Community College probably will be established, and may be a partnership of KSU, YSU, and career and technical centers. At the state level, there are plans in the works to establish a new data center; perhaps it could be located in northeast Ohio.

3. Academic Strategic Plan - Leadership and Framework Update

Dr. Khawaja thanked Dr. Licata for the ideas on the framework for launching our Academic Strategic Plan. Responsibilities in the various areas have been jointly decided by the deans. Nine strategic priorities were identified from the 'Goals' of the Academic Strategic Plan. To make progress toward achieving our goals this year, the priorities will be addressed by defining actions to be taken to initiate steps for implementation of the plan. The Strategic Priorities and the lead person charged to address them are:

- 1) Developing a Support Structure for University College (Goal I.1)
Dean Shearle Furnish, CLASS
- 2) Strengthening the Current Model of Advisement (Goal I.2)
Cheryl Bosley, HHS
- 3) Improving Rates of Full-time – Part-time Faculty (Goal II. 5)
Charles Singler, Interim Associate Provost
- 4) Facilities and Space Concerns (Goals I. 5 & I. 6)
Dean Martin Abraham, STEM
- 5) Service Learning Opportunities (Goals I.3, III.3, III.6)
Dean Betty Jo Licata, Business Administration
- 6) Focus on Diversity, Recruitment & Retention (Goals II. 3, II .4)
Dean Phil Ginnetti, Beeghly College of Education
- 7) Increased Participation in Distance Learning (Goal I. 3)
Dean John Yemma, HHS
- 8) Strengthening International Opportunities & Enrollment (Goals II. 3 and II. 4)
Jef Davis, CISP
- 9) Faculty Development & Research Support (Goals II. 6, II. 7, II. 8, III. 5)
Dean Peter Kasvinsky, Graduate Studies & Research

Each lead person brought to council a list of 3 or 4 doable action steps that will enable them to achieve their goal during the 2007-2008 academic year (see the attachments). Individual presentations of draft proposed plans began, and discussion and input from council were exchanged. We will plan to complete the remaining presentations at the next Deans Council Meeting on October 3, 2007.

4. New Business

There was no new business.

5. Adjourn

Minutes recorded by Debbie Withrow