

DEANS COUNCIL MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2010

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

President's Conference Room

Members Present: Abraham, Bowers, DePoy, DiPillo, Fahey, Furnish, Khawaja, Kobulnicky, Licata, Linkon (guest), Mosca, Singler, Ward, Weintz

1. Announcements

None.

2. Council on Teaching & Learning and the Learning Communities Project "Better Learning Through Technology" (S. Linkon)

Sherry Linkon stated that 4 learning communities are being sponsored by the Council on Teaching and Learning this year. All faculty and staff from every college and rank are being encouraged to participate in learning about effective ways to enhance our students' learning. The learning communities are Online Collaboration and Interaction, Multimedia In and Out of the Classroom, E-portfolios as Learning Tools, and Developing Online Learning Resources. The project has 3 primary goals for faculty and staff related to teaching and learning: to advise on how to address professional development needs, to promote conversations on the needs and effective practices for responding to those needs, and to research and promote policies and practices to enhance students' learning. For complete information on this project, go to <http://ysuteach.wordpress.com>. Additionally, on January 13, 2011, a 1-day institute will be held (see the attached flyer, subsequently produced, for further information).

3. Budget

There is a \$3M YSU budget shortfall because of the deferral of the 12th payment due YSU by the State of Ohio. The \$3M is over and above what was budgeted for this year. Cabinet has been talking about how to fill that hole. In addition, a prediction of a shortfall of \$9M is being made for next year. Before we could even consider raising tuition next year, there is a need to take a critical look at what we can do immediately for the balance of this fiscal year and what plan we can come up with for next year. At this point, Cabinet has decided that all non-faculty positions be subjected to a Presidential approval prior to posting. These unfilled positions represent approximately \$1M. Currently, 8.5% operations cuts are being discussed. ACE enrollment incentives due in December may need to be paid from the Divisions. The budget deficit discussion continued.

OEA, ACE, and FOP collective bargaining agreements are up for renewal. The Administration's negotiating teams will be announced when all the members have been named.

4. Summer 2011 Additional Course Offerings

Dr. Khawaja asked the Deans who have not done so already to quickly share their needs for additional summer course offerings. Jack Fahey, Interim V. P. for Student Affairs, has supplied helpful information. Marilyn Ward thought a look at spring enrollment projections also would be helpful.

5. Developmental Support for Advisors

Dr. Khawaja asked what support for advisors' professional development is being given by the various colleges so that he has a global picture. One-third of the colleges pay for 100% of their advisors' travel; one-third pay for 50% or less; while the remaining colleges struggle with paying any costs due to budget issues, benefit versus cost issues, and no ability to support other staff's professional development in their college. In general, it was felt that there is benefit to the advisors and to the advising process if they attend appropriate conferences. The Provost encouraged the Deans to have discussions among themselves, and determine whether it is possible to support the advisors' development at a predetermined level. Advisors want to attend a February 2011 assessment conference in Clearwater, FL.

6. Data-report Needs

Dr. Khawaja asked the Deans whether there are reports they previously received before *Banner* that they wish they still received. He wondered whether the Deans are getting reports on their own or if there are reports that the Deans would find useful and would like us to order for them. The questions at this point are what decisions the Deans are interested in making and what information we need to make decisions intelligently. Dr. Khawaja said that since Institutional Research reports to Academic Affairs, we should have report standardization--so let us develop a culture of what is expected and what reports we need. A short discussion followed. The Deans were asked to send their list/input to Marilyn Ward by the end of the week. Dr. Khawaja wondered whether there are other things *Banner* can do that would increase *Banner's* value to us. Jack Fahey said that Jeannie Herman can help with information regarding the student side of the *Banner* module.

8. Adjourn

Minutes submitted by Debbie Withrow