

Deans' Council

Minutes: Tuesday, August 9, 2011

1:30 – 3:00 pm

President's Conference Room

Montana Hall

Martha Potvin
Joseph Fedock
Larry Baker
Carl Fox
Robert Hietala

Jeff Jacobsen
Marvin Lansverk
Paula Lutz
Robert Marley
Tom McCoy

Helen Melland
Tamara Miller
Susan Dana
Matthew Caires

I. Call to order

II. Approval of Minutes of July 19, 2011, Meeting

Minutes unanimously approved as written.

III. Information/Announcements

- Provost Potvin has invited the Associate Provosts (David Singel and Ron Larsen) to join Deans' Council meetings on a regular basis.
- Deans' Council will be one hour in duration, with the focus on discussion and action.
- Smaller subcommittees will be charged with preliminary work and bringing recommendations to the full membership.
 - This approach will allow for more effective use of time.
- A student award for "Emerging Scholars" will be made possible by a substantial gift to the University. More information will be forthcoming soon.

IV. Topics for Discussion:

A. ACE Internationalization Laboratory

The ACE Internationalization Laboratory provides an opportunity to develop and implement an internationalization plan for the University that links with MSU's strategic plan. The International Laboratory will make a comprehensive evaluation of all international programs over the course of 18-24 months. ACE is starting a new cohort in fall 2011 and MSU has been invited to participate. The President's Executive Council recommends support of this opportunity. The cost is \$40,000, payable over two years. The Office of International Programs has pledged \$5,000/year in support of this project. Following discussion, there was consensus to move forward with participation in the ACE Internationalization Laboratory.

B. Unfunded Programs: Assessment Process

Budget Council is developing a process for allocation of funds to new and unfunded programs. Decisions will be made in conjunction with the strategic priorities of the institution. The Provost will present academic proposals to Budget Council. Before going forward to Budget Council, proposals will be presented and discussed at Deans' Council. Discussion followed regarding appropriate criteria to use in evaluating proposals. Dean Larry Baker will chair a

sub-group to develop metrics for evaluation. Others participating in the sub-group includes: Paula Lutz, Terry Leist, Robert Marley, Carl Fox and Marvin Lansverk. Other issues of concern were the age of unfunded programs to be considered, how to handle contracting programs and how to eliminate programs.

C. Meeting structure for Deans/Associate Provosts

The academic Deans will meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 4:00 pm.

D. Other

Ron Larsen provided a progress report on the Year One Self Study Report. He is working with Planning Council to identify a Mission Statement and Core Themes with measurable indicators. There is significant interest in increasing community engagement by our students. Open forums will be held August 17 and August 31.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 27, 1:30 – 2:30 pm (President’s Conference Room)