

Minutes of the Meeting of the Deans Council  
Tuesday, May 21, 2013 – 9:00 a.m.  
Warner Conference Room

PRESENT: Charlie Bicak, Janet Wilke, Ed Scantling, Tim Burkink, Kenya Taylor, William Jurma, Doug Biggs

ABSENT: John La Duke, Joe Oravec

**1. Approval of Minutes for April 9, 2013:** Charlie announced Tami would circulate the minutes from April 9th via email for approval.

**2. iPad Initiative:** Charlie reported they are working on plans to continue this project. The wireless system needs to be updated and more “hotpoints” added. At this time Jane Petersen has had 512 iPads returned for reassignment this fall. Chancellor would like to have an iPad in every student’s hands by Fall 2014 and eventually an Apple Store on campus where we can sell them to students at a discount.

**3. Library Storm Damage Update – Janet:** Janet gave an update of progress and issues to the storm damaged Library building.

**4. Athletic Director Search Update:** Charlie discussed that Jon McBride is stepping down soon and the Chancellor is moving quickly to find a replacement. At this time he is working to form the search committee.

**5. Graduation Strategies Task Force Update:** Charlie reported he had received reports from all sub-committees and will work to compose a draft white paper of 5-6 pages for eventual review by the Deans.

**6. North Central Association Update:** Kenya reported she has been working on revisions to the self-study and should have them completed soon. We have not received word on team assignment yet, once we know who the team and chair will be we can work with them to get a better idea of what they are looking for when they come for the visit.

**7. Health Science Education Complex Update:** Charlie reported there would be a meeting here on campus with RDG and others, Friday, May 31 regarding building plans. Kyle, Julie and Charlie are also planning a trip to western Nebraska to help increase knowledge about the new facility in hopes for potential funds for this project.

**8. Online World Wide & Coursera Contract (re: MOOCs):** Charlie discussed a recent conference call he had with Mary Niemic and others regarding university wide interest in MOOCs and eventually a contract with Coursera. Discussion was held.

**9. Board of Regents Meeting – June 7, 2013:**

*STEM Presentations:* Charlie shared he would be presenting a PowerPoint to the Board of Regents on June 7th regarding the STEM project.

*Student Learning & Assessment ( NSSE & CLA):* Presentations and updates will be given about these topics as well at the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**10. Announcement Lists (re: the housing requests):** Discussion was held on this issue as it is a big problem, however in this instance has been resolved.

**11. Budget – Salary deadline is June 7<sup>th</sup>:** Charlie reminded the group the salary increase deadline is June 7<sup>th</sup>. Carry forward is still in question as Barbara has heard nothing different, therefore you should plan not to have it.

**12. Other:** Charlie announced we received two Kelly Grants.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Deans will be on ***Tuesday, June 4, 2013, at 9 a.m., Warner Conference Room.***