

Minutes of the Meeting of the Deans Council
Tuesday, November 27, 2012 – 9:00 a.m.
Warner Conference Room

PRESENT: Charlie Bicak, Janet Wilke, Ed Scantling, Tim Burkink, John La Duke, Joe Oravec, Kenya Taylor

ABSENT: William Jurma

GUESTS: Debbie Schroeder

1. Approval of Minutes for October 23, 2012: Charlie announced Tami would circulate the minutes for October 23 via email for approval.

2. Debbie Schroeder RE SPSS Licenses: Debbie discussed that UNL is in the process of pricing negotiations for academic and research SPSS licenses for all four campuses. The larger the number needed the cheaper the cost per license for the research licenses. Discussion was held. Debbie will get back to the group with information as it becomes available.

Debbie stated she and Charlie would be meeting with Walter Weier and Don Milhulka regarding NeSIS; where they are in the process and how the project is transitioning.

Debbie discussed her recent meeting with Chancellor regarding the connectivity of fiber optic cable from here to Lincoln.

3. P-16 Initiative – Names for Central Administration (12/1 deadline): Charlie reported Interim Provost Fritz is requesting names of people to serve on a University-wide P-16 committee. He asked the Deans to review the P-16 website and get back to him by December 1st with 2 or 3 names for service on this committee.

4. New Student Orientation & Transitions Task Force: Joe discussed the makeup of the New Student Orientation & Transition Task Force, its charge and the progress made since inception. Joe would like the Associate Deans to serve on the committee, discussion was held. It was decided to have Chandra Daffer attend the December 11th meeting to answer questions regarding possible workload expected while serving on this committee.

5. Graduation Task Force: Charlie shared the letter recently sent to the members of the Graduation Strategies Task Force inviting them to serve, He also explained the group's charge: 1) Assessment of our current situation and challenge in regard to timely degree completion by our students; 2) comparison with peer institutions; 3) development of progress and outcome metrics for graduation rates; 4) outline of a strategy that links assessment, peer comparisons and metrics to address our challenges and opportunities; and 5) preparation of a document as a "deliverable" that a) instructs us about our situation and b) outlines a coherent advancement strategy that identifies our priorities. Charlie briefly discussed the task force timeline and proposed outcomes for discussion by subcommittees.

6. North Central Association Update: Kenya requested help with website cleanup for the upcoming North Central visit. Please ask your department chairs to review their web pages and confirm everything is updated.

Charlie reported he has a meeting with Tony Earls regarding Phase II Implementation Plan, Academic Advancement as part of the upcoming NCA visit.

7. Recommendations to the President “New University Academic Priorities”: Charlie shared and discussed the handout titled “*Recommendations to the President for New University Academic Priorities*”. He asked the Deans to take this information back to their chairs for discussion and input.

8. Upcoming Events & Deadlines: Charlie reminded the group of upcoming events and deadlines: Board of Regents Meeting, November 29th; Commencement, December 14th; Kelly Fund Proposals due to our office, January 18th; and other holiday events.

John asked where we are in the process with Digital Measures.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Deans will be on ***Tuesday, January 15, 2013, at 9 a.m., Warner Conference Room.***