

Minutes of the Meeting of the Deans Council
Tuesday, August 7, 2012 – 9:00 a.m.
Warner Conference Room

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

1. Approval of Minutes for June 19, 2012: Charlie announced Tami would circulate the minutes for June 19th via email for approval.

2. Blue & Gold Welcome Week: Joe shared and discussed the detailed Blue and Gold Welcome Week schedule with the group.

3. The Freeh Report: Charlie discussed the Freeh Report which had been emailed to the group prior to the meeting. He asked the Deans to review the report and think about this in regard to their respective college. Charlie thinks this will be on the Board of Regents agenda and the Chancellors will be asked what their plans are for their respective campuses regarding this report. He is asking the group to proceed with these steps: 1) Documentation or inventory of activity occurring in your college or division; 2) What's the level of exposure or can you assess the level of risk (will be shared Kayla James, as Risk Management person)?; 3) Development of plans for moving forward.

4. Graduation Rates: Charlie shared and discussed handouts regarding graduation rates from The Chronicle and the UNK "Go for Four" handout produced by Neal Schnoor. Discussion was held on expanding advising and improving the quality of teaching.

5. Budget (FY2013): Charlie stated at this time he doesn't think we will need to prepare budget cuts, however please hold back funds in case this becomes a reality.

6. Student Complaint Repository: Charlie explained when North Central Accreditation was here for the last compliance visit in 2004, one of the things we were written up on was not having a central repository for student complaints. It was discussed and Charlie asked the Deans to send to our office any student complaints for review by NCA when they come for the next compliance visit in Fall of 2013 or Spring of 2014,

7. September 14 BoR Meeting: Charlie reported at the September Board of Regents Meeting they will be discussing the following accountability measures:

- Need-based financial aid
- Faculty diversity
- Merit-based scholarships

John asked if there would be any new diversity money and Charlie said as far as he knows there will not be any new money and there hasn't been any new money for quite some time,

8. Cabinet Retreat Report & Deans Retreat Follow-up: Charlie briefly followed up with things discussed at the recent Cabinet and Deans Retreats. He also shared that Jeanne Butler would be retiring in December 2012 and Peter Longo will be resigning as Honors Director. The Honors APR suggested there should be a fulltime Honors Director in place, so this is being considered. Also, Charlie suggested Barbara come and talk to the group regarding remissions and the whole of Financial Aid.

9. Wellness Center Logistics: Charlie reported due to the ground breaking of the new Wellness Center in January 2013 some classrooms will be out of commission. Nita Unruh called with concerns regarding where these displaced classes will be held. Discussion was held about the use of Ockinga; Tim said he would send the letter indicating donor specifications for the building's use.

10. Other: Charlie reminded everyone of the upcoming university-wide award deadlines for OTICA, UDTA, ORCA and IDEA awards.

Kenya shared the Office of Sponsored Programs FY 2012 Annual report.

Tim had questions about the individual Homecoming receptions each college has, discussion was held.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Deans will be on ***Tuesday, August 21, 2012, at 9 a.m., Warner Conference Room.***