

**Ferris State University
Deans' Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 14, 2004
8:30-11:00 a.m.
MINUTES**

Present: Michael Harris, Tom Oldfield, Ian Mathison, Bill Potter, Matt Klein, Kevin Alexander, Jacque Hooper, Robbie Teahen, Richard Cochran, Chuck Matrosic, Richard Cochran, Don Green,

Special Guests: Adnan Dakkuri, Jack Buss, Doug Haneline

Absent: Michelle Johnston

Handouts: Agenda
New York Times article "What your College President Didn't Tell You"
Grand Rapids Press article "Manufacturing Jobs Must be Included in Economic Turnaround Equation"

Informational Items

Dr. Harris thanked Paige for ordering food for today's Deans' Council meeting.

Dr. Harris distributed articles from the New York Times and Grand Rapids Press as an FYI.

Mindy distributed the Ferris Foundation invitations and noted that more information will be sent via e-mail.

College of Arts and Sciences – Matt Klein noted that the BBC was here over the weekend to produce a feature story on Jim Crowe. He also noted that the first juried art exhibit is currently at the Rankin Center Gallery with 50 participants. Jim Hoerter's \$188,000 grant on the effects of tanning beds is on tomorrow's Finance Committee agenda.

Dave Nicol noted that the College of Business and UCEL are working with Macomb Community College to develop a four-year degree for the Army Tank Command.

Chuck Matrosic noted that the surveying department's grant also is on tomorrow's Finance Committee agenda.

The collaborative grant between the College of Education and Human Services and the College of Arts and Sciences will also be on tomorrow's Finance Committee meeting agenda.

Ian Mathison reported on a successful educational program held for all Pharmacy students last Friday on campus.

Tom Oldfield noted that the Arts and Lectures Committee will be bringing Michael Moore to campus on September 27. Extensive discussion was held on providing students a counterpoint to controversial items. It was also noted that fair representation to both sides be a future discussion item of the Arts and Lectures Committee when developing their yearly series. Dr. Harris noted that faculty cannot require students attend since admission will be charged. Discussion was also held on Academic Senate committees reporting back to the Senate as a whole.

1. Academic Program Review – Doug Haneline, Jack Buss, Adnan Dakkuri

Doug Haneline, Jack Buss and Adnan Dakkuri met with Deans' Council members to hear suggestions, comments, etc. on the August 17th draft of the Academic Program Review Guide for Participants. Doug Haneline noted the ad hoc committee's intention of presenting a final version of the Guide to the Academic Senate in November or December. Extensive discussion was held on administrators' participation in the process. It was the view of the Deans that the current process does not promote team building and earlier discussions between faculty, department heads and deans should be included in the process. Other suggestions included balancing inputs and outcomes in the process - inputs far outweigh the outcomes at this point; other academic programs should be considered for review or a modified version, e.g. Structured Learning Assistance, freshmen seminar, career exploration should be included under the review, too.

2. Banner Committee

The Academic Affairs Banner representatives will be meeting on September 24 with Michael Harris and Tom Oldfield. There have been several concerns raised by Academic Senate and other Academic Affairs Division staff about decisions made with no input from the Academic Affairs Division.

3. FFA E-Board Meeting

Dr. Harris reported on the FFA E-Board meeting held last night. He asked deans to assist in creating a less adversarial relationship with FFA members.

4. HR/Affirmative Action

Dr. Harris noted he's still learning the oversight responsibilities of HR and Affirmative Action.