

Tuesday, November 9, 2010

Dean's Council Meeting Minutes

Present: Mike Cron, Steve Durst, Fritz Erickson, Don Flickinger, Don Green, Julie Coon, Reinhold Hill, Michelle Johnston, Ron McKean, Leah Monger, Van Edgerton for Dave Nicol, Bill Potter, Robbie Teahen

Guests: Morgan Toms, President, Student Government
Kristin Salomonson, Dean of Enrollment Services

Academic Structure Discussion

Fritz Erickson received feedback from the members of the Deans' Council relating to his Fall Semester college meetings where the agenda topic was the process for review of the academic structure. The Deans' Council members also expressed additional ideas regarding the review of all academic processes for potential streamlining (an example included a review of advising and transfer student issues).

FSU Student Government Update

Student Government President Morgan Toms gave an update on the Student Government and discussed membership on various committees. FSU Student Government members are very open to having a college/deans advisory board and want to be involved. She discussed committee membership and asked that she be contacted at morgantoms88@gmail.com.

Review of College of Allied Health Sciences' Justification for Replacement of Vacant Nursing Faculty Position F11078

The justification for replacement of a vacant Nursing Faculty Position F11078 in the College of Allied Health Sciences was presented by Julie Coon. After review and discussion, Fritz Erickson asked for a recommendation vote regarding supporting the position replacement. The vote was unanimous in favor of replacing this position.

Review of College of Arts & Sciences' Justification for Replacement of Vacant Faculty Positions

Justification for replacement of three vacant faculty positions (World History, Art History and Microbiology) was presented by Reinhold Hill. After review and discussion, Fritz Erickson asked for a recommendation vote regarding supporting these three position replacements. The vote was unanimous in favor of replacing all of them.

Summer Semester Discussion

Don Flickinger discussed the process for summer semester course work preparations that need to be taking place now. Study away courses and internship sections were discussed. Don noted that there will be broader discussion on study away courses and referred the deans to their work load policies regarding payment for internship courses.

Academic Withdrawal (Handout)

Kristin Salomonson discussed modifications to the Academic Withdrawal from the University policy and said that updates to the FSU policy are being done to make certain that Ferris will remain in compliance with Federal Financial Aid Title IV regulations. The updated policy addresses the community college consortium students need to follow the same process as the main campus students in cases of total withdrawals and specifically addresses the different types of unofficial withdrawals.

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Kristin explained that the changes involve the need for students to provide official notification to the Registrar's Office of their intent to withdraw. The draft policy also includes the steps they must follow to formally withdraw and also includes new information regarding academic records.

Kristin also discussed new information in the procedures for when a student appeals for a change of grade due to a total withdrawal from school. She discussed new information pertaining to financial aid. Along with the normal appeal process, students receiving financial aid and who are notified of an Unofficial Withdrawal will need to contact their instructors for each course for which they received an "F" grade and request the instructors to submit their last date of attendance to the Registrar's Office. Failure to officially withdraw from the University may result in "F" grades or an Unofficial Withdrawal being processed and grades of "WF" being awarded. The appeal process is initiated by the student through the Registrar's Office.

Student Complaint Policy

Robbie Teahen said that she would be sending the Student Complaint Policy out for review one more time. The policy will need to go to the Academic Senate for review.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Hoisington