

Deans' Council Minutes

Wednesday, June 21, 2006

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Provost's Conference Room

Attending: Beisel, Bowers, Edwards, Ginnetti, Herbert, Kasvinsky, Khawaja, Kobulnicky, Licata, Ritchey, Yemma

1. Announcements

- Progress in being made on land acquisition for the new College of Business building.
- Dr. Herbert will check to see whether the colleges' table costs for *Forté on the 50* can be waived. (After the meeting, Dr. Herbert reported that the college table costs are indeed waived.)

2. Follow-up on Dr. McFarland Visit

- Dr. Herbert noted that he has received primarily positive feedback about the visit.
- Deans expressed appreciation for the opportunity to share ideas about leadership.
- For the deans and provost to be an effective team, Dr. Herbert stressed, the deans must make responsible decisions about resources, based on discussions that occur at Deans' Council and in one-on-one meetings with him. Each member of the team must do his or her part to disseminate the "culture" the team develops.
- Deans will review notes from the workshop before moving forward with discussion about the role of the deans in administrative leadership. (Notes are posted on the Provost's web site at <<http://www.yasu.edu/provost/communications/communications.shtml>>.)
- Deans' Council will hold a special meeting, perhaps in mid-July, as a follow up to the retreat.

3. Strategic Plan—Vision

Think about items such as the following:

- What makes YSU unique as an institution of higher learning? And what are our strengths now?
- Focus on student engagement, learning, and experience, as well as expanded civic connections and perhaps opportunities for undergraduate research.
- How can we be creative and cutting-edge?
- What is the role of the university within the community?
- How can we incorporate sustainability and entrepreneurship?
- How would a community college in the county impact the vision for the university? If

“access” issues are moved to a community college, we could be more “selective” at the university level—but we would take an enrollment hit at first. What other options are there (a university college, a freshman college)?

- How can we create a true freshman experience/orientation approach to adjusting to college-level learning/studying?
- What do we really want to be?

4. Labor Climate

The Provost distributed the Labor Management Council document for review by deans—ideas and suggestions are welcome.

5. New Business

None.

6. Adjourn

Notes & Reminders:

President’s Address & Reception – August 21 (Chestnut Room, 10:00 a.m.)

Provost’s All-Faculty Meeting – August 21 (Chestnut Room, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.)

Academic Affairs New-Faculty Orientation – August 23 (DeBartolo Stadium Club:
approximately 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

Human Resources New-Faculty Orientation – August 24

Chairs’ Retreat – Punderson State Park (September 21–22, 2006)