

Deans' Council Minutes
June 26, 2019
2:00 pm–4:00 pm
Miller Administration Boardroom

Attending: Madonne Miner, Brad Mortensen, Eric Amsel, Bruce Bowen, Bruce Davis, Kristin Hadley, Frank Harrold, Tim Herzog, Wendy Holliday, Brenda Kowalewski, Matthew Mouritsen, Cliff Nowell, Brett Perozzi, Jack Rasmussen, Julie Rich, Yas Simonian, Jeff Steagall

Guests: Bret Alexander, Robert Ameling, Shelly Belflower for Bret Ellis, Aaron Garza, Barry Gomberg, Brent Horn, Nancy Jarvis, John Kowalewski, Allyson Saunders for David Ferro, Rebecca Schwartz, Amanda Sowerby for Scott Sprenger, Winn Stanger, Chaz Steimel, Jesse VanWay

Excused: Andrea Easter-Pilcher, Bret Ellis, David Ferro, Scott Sprenger

1. New IT Personnel: Jesse VanWay, Portfolio Manager
 - a. Shelly Belflower introduced Jesse and explained that he works with project proposals. Council members can speak with either Jesse or Shelly about potential Academic Portfolio projects.
2. Marketing and Communications Survey--John Kowalewski
 - a. John collected responses to a Marketing and Communications IQ survey written by Simpson Scarborough. He gave a brief overview of the survey including the meanings attached with the total score. He will return to a later meeting with cross-tabulated results, including a comparison with other groups across campus.
3. Study Abroad Programs/Proposals--Rebecca Schwartz
 - a. Rebecca described the current resources and concerns of the Study Abroad office. She asked Deans' Council for ideas on how to overcome a 25% failure on faculty-led programs. A few ideas were discussed, and Madonne asked Rebecca to provide Deans' Council with a list of ideas on which they could provide feedback. She will send out a shared document.
4. ASSA charge dealing with faculty rights and responsibilities when a student is sanctioned by a campus authority--Brent Horn and Barry Gomberg/Aaron Garza
 - a. Brent spoke with Deans' Council about the memo from Jeff Hurst and Aaron Garza which deals with faculty rights and responsibilities when a student is sanctioned by a campus authority. The group also discussed the memo in relation to accommodations of any kind. Brent and the legal team explained that requests for accommodations should come from a campus authority rather than from students. Brent stated that they want to provide support to faculty members and that accommodations should protect everyone, including consideration for ease of implementation. He explained that there may be times when a reasonable accommodation cannot be made, and that other solutions may need to be explored. He requested that deans disseminate the information in the memo to

faculty and suggested that he and/or Aaron would be happy to help with teaching opportunities. He also explained that the information will be included in future New Faculty Orientations and in AA/EOE office trainings.

5. Updates from Brad
 - a. Brad offered updates on: personnel changes in the OCHE; objectives of the Higher Education Strategic Planning Commission; and changes to the legislative capital funding prioritization process. He also shared information about potential growth at HAFB and the Davis-Weber Economic Partnership.
6. Defining Internships -- Robert Ameling and Chaz Steimel, Winn Stanger
 - a. Robert introduced himself and explained that, under Brenda's direction, he's been working on a campus-wide definition of internships in hopes of creating an INT designation. The designation will allow for easier tracking and reporting of High Impact Educational Experiences to USHE. Chaz presented the current data, as defined by Robert's working definition, and asked that deans contact him if the data seem incorrect. Robert and Brenda suggested forming an ad-hoc taskforce to formalize the definition and to develop a process of vetting courses to receive an INT designation. Deans' Council discussed Robert's proposal, including short- and long-term goals. Robert requested that deans recommend faculty who would be willing to serve on the taskforce. Robert will follow up with the deans in August.
7. Employer Breakfast – Brenda
 - a. Brenda thanked members of Deans' Council for providing names of local business people for the July 15th Employer Breakfast. The event will be an exploratory conversation about the value of badging (non-credit micro-credentialing of skill sets). Brad will facilitate the conversation, which will focus on the background of badges and some possibilities of badging at WSU. Deans are invited to attend the event.
8. Liaison Committee Reports
 - a. n/a
9. New Dean School Updates
 - a. New Dean school will be held on July 1st. Each of the Associate Provosts will discuss their areas of focus.
10. Thank you
 - a. Deans' Council expressed their thanks and best wishes to departing members Frank Harrold, Cliff Nowell, Jack Rasmussen, and Jeff Steagall.
11. Quickbytes
 - a. Shelly distributed the latest Quickbytes and highlighted its focus on Academic Web Services.