

Deans' Council
February 6, 2019
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Miller Administration Boardroom

Attendance: Madonne Miner, Brett Perozzi, Brenda Kowalewski, Allyson Saunders (for David Ferro) Eric Amsel, Andrea Easter-Pilcher, Jeff Steagall, Bruce Bowen, Amanda Sowerby (for Scott Sprenger), Ed Haun (for Wendy Holliday & Faculty Senate) Bruce Davis, Jordan Slater, Jack Rasmussen, Ken Johnson (for Yasmen Simonian)

Guests: John Cavitt, Bret Ellis, Nancy Jarvis

- 1) Announcement - Eric
 - a. Paul Hanstadt is coming February 28
 - b. Revitalization of Gen Ed
 - c. Meeting at 1 am – Discussion with Paul
 - d. Talk at 12:15 in Ballroom C – open to all
 - e. 3-4:30 pm -Workshop “Creating Wicked Students”
- 2) UCUR - John Cavitt will give this information about UCUR
 - a. Parking in the Dee parking lot
 - b. Using Tracy Hall, Elizabeth Hall, Wattis Business and Shepherd Union buildings
 - c. Stacy Palen will present the Plenary Session at 10:30-11:30 am
 - d. Volunteers needed – form sent by email – please share
- 3) QuickBytes—Nancy Jarvis
 - a. Annual report – projects done by IT
 - b. Audit self-assessment tool
 - i. will help you prepare for an audit
 - c. LinkedIn Learning Pilot Stats
- 4) Interdisciplinary Studies Coordinating Council
 - a. Group of deans met in the fall
 - i. Challenges
 1. No collective strategic vision
 - a. Need Interdisciplinary Coordinating Council
 2. Little support
 - a. Need input from DC
 - b. Brenda will be convener
 - c. Who would like to be on the council?
 - d. Meet once per semester to share ideas/challenges
 3. University-wide center/office
 - a. Ken offers to house meetings in IPE Building
 - b. No room for additional courses – accreditation
 - c. Would WSU classes be a home for these types of classes?
- 5) New Student Orientation—Bruce Bowen

- a. Resource materials to help colleges plan individual events
 - b. Students will get access to this February 25 once a student is admitted
 - c. Jordan would like to know if we could we add social media to the module?
 - d. If you have a point person in your college, we will send information that they may need
 - e. Brenda would like to offer HIPs programs to help colleges fill their two-hour time blocks
 - f. Although there is a team, they would like feedback to help tweak the program
 - g. Brett would also offer SA folks to help fill colleges time blocks
 - h. Could we open them for all students to see the modules – perhaps a Canvas course
- 6) Affordable Course Materials Task Force
- a. Three parts to this task force
 - i. How can we make course materials affordable?
 - ii. How can the Library use course reserves (titles on reserve) or license eBooks?
 - iii. Some faculty have produced their own course materials at a lower cost to students
 - 1. Could we provide a workshop for faculty to learn how to do this, taught by those who have?
 - 2. Incentive
 - b. How can we warn students to keep from buying old materials?
- 7) Compromise Scholarship Model—Madonne Miner
- a. We've been looking for a powerful model to offer 4-year scholarships to more students
 - b. Many concerns (ie. cap at 100%)
 - c. After many negotiations: as of January 22, draft plan is to keep the institutionally-controlled funds at 125% with awards for Fall 2020
 - i. Multi-year
 - ii. Pell
 - iii. Institutional controlled (125%)
 - iv. Private donor funds designated above 125%
 - d. To retain awards:
 - i. Presidential required 15 credits, 3.25 Cum GPA
 - ii. All others 12 credits and Cum GPA 2.5
 - e. Brett has talked with student senate members about this
 - i. Would like to formalize and update as appropriate
 - f. Activity waivers won't change
 - g. Aletheia/Presidential scholars concerns about 3.25 GPA requirement
 - h. Private donors can write their scholarship agreements so students can receive the total amount awarded, no matter the percentage they have received elsewhere
- 8) Articulation of Lower Division Courses—Madonne Miner
- a. PowerPoint sent with agenda
 - b. Concerned about ways we impede students' timely graduation (articulation)
 - c. Or when they change focus, how many credits apply to new focus?
 - d. USHE is talking about this, and we'll be asked to look at our interest areas for blockades
- 9) Inversion Data-
- a. Shared with deans for your information
 - b. Will not report back unless you bring up issues
- 10) Class Beginning and Ending Times—Bruce Bowen
- a. Jeff's chairs would like to know if we could move from M,W,F schedule to M,W and some Friday blocks (possibly labs, fields)
 - b. We have looked into it, but things change and we can revisit

- c. A small group would have to come together to crunch numbers
- d. Frank had some afternoon class success – they came about because of need, but kept them because enrollment was good
- e. Volunteers for this task force (possibly chairs)

Liaison Committee Reports from Deans:

- Frank: Environmental Issues will be sponsoring Intermountain Sustainability Summit

Announcements:

- Ken: Health Professions lecture – February 15, 2 pm, SU Ballrooms
- Jack: Storytelling Festival – February 25-27 – always a lot of fun
- Frank: Distinguished lecture – February 21, 7 pm – Michael White, PhD
- Bruce D: New engineering building at Davis Campus – groundbreaking this spring with finish in May 2020
 - Building a connector road, which will be built before the building has begun construction
 - Would like to put a bigger sign on SR 193 for Davis Campus
- Brenda: TLF is undergoing a review for the first time – you may be asked to participate
- Madonne: SBS Dean's search – an offer has been made – announcement forthcoming
- Jordan: Crystal Crest nominations close on Sunday