

Deans' Council

Minutes: Tuesday, November 8, 2011

1:30 – 3:00 pm

Sherrick Hall, Room 114

Martha Potvin
Joseph Fedock
Larry Baker
Carl Fox
Robert Hietala

Jeff Jacobsen
Marvin Lansverk
Paula Lutz
Robert Marley
Tom McCoy

Helen Melland
Tamara Miller
Susan Dana
Matthew Caires

I. Call to order

II. Approval of Minutes of October 25, 2011, Meeting

Minutes unanimously approved as written.

III. Information/Announcements

A. Search Updates

- **College of Business Dean – Robert Marley**
No report
- **College of Arts and Architecture Dean – Carl Fox**
Applications are coming in.
- **WWAMI Director – Paula Lutz**
The search committee is screening applications and has narrowed candidates to seven. The first set of interview will occur in about a month.

IV. Topics for Discussion:

A. Coordination of Initiatives in Northeastern Montana

The Provost recently completed a tour of northern Montana and visited several tribal colleges in that area. Another region with specific educational concerns is Sidney, Montana. In order to serve its growing population, residents are seeking opportunities for online and face-to-face instruction. Particular areas of interests are Education, Business and Engineering. An estimated 100-150 residents are interested in pursuing Master's degrees. An attempt to establish an Eastern Montana Higher Education Center was rejected by the Board of Regents. Larry Baker will be visiting the area in the near future and will report back on his findings. Joe Callahan and John Cech are the MSU leads on this effort.

B. Investment Proposals – Process

A timeline has been established for academic investment proposals:

- December 16 Submission of proposals to Department Heads
- December 23 Ranked proposals from Department Heads to Deans

January 3 Ranked proposals from Deans to Provost
Ranked proposals from Deans to Deans' Council
NOTE: Review by Provost and Deans' Council will be simultaneous
January 19 Ranked proposals forwarded from Provost/Deans' Council to Budget
Council

C. Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) – Helen Melland

This proposal is in response to a national trend for doctoral education for nurse practitioners. This is not a PhD or research degree, but a clinical degree with increased rigor over the current Master's programs. The degree requires 3 years of study and 79 credits. Implementation will require an additional 1.5 FTE and \$98,000 in salaries plus \$34,000 in associated benefits costs. The College of Nursing will be requesting an addition of \$100,000 in base budget beginning in 2014/15. The first cohort of students would start in Fall 2012. With the implementation of the DNP degree, the two current Master's level programs would be terminated. Provost Potvin indicated that we need to establish a process to approve programs in concept and also secure stable funding. Vice President Leist stated that they are looking at campus funding models to account for fluctuations in enrollment. Provost Potvin suggested that an investment proposal be submitted to fund this program. Dean Melland anticipates that this program will receive more applications than it can accept. The College would like to submit this item to the Board of Regents in January for action in March. If this timeline is not possible, the effective date will be delayed by another year. Discussion followed regarding the need to implement this program in order to remain competitive with other universities. The Master's degree is no longer adequate to educate advanced practitioners.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend submission of the DNP program to the Board of Regents for approval. The vote was unanimous in favor.

D. Associate of Arts/Associate of Science and Certificate in General Studies – Bob Hietala

These two degrees and the Certificate in General Studies will meet the needs of the community for two year education. Implementation of these programs should not negatively affect the four year programs. All three programs draw on the same coursework. The proposed model will meet the needs of working adults by offering classes evenings and weekends, both face-to-face and online. Small classes of 25-30 will be utilized along with significant learning support. The program will start small, but given the current number of inquiries, it is anticipated that it will grow. Discussion followed regarding the relationship between GCP and MSU, restricting coursework to GCP students only, and impact on the four-year program. Concern was expressed regarding the financial model for Gallatin College Programs. When approved by the Board of Regents in 2009, a levy was to be pursued to fund this program. Following further discussion, it was agreed that additional information about GCP, its relationship to MSU, and a sustained funding model would be needed prior to a vote on the three proposed programs. Bob Hietala will present an overview of GCP on November 28. Following that presentation it is anticipated that a vote on these programs will occur. This should allow a decision prior to critical submission deadlines.

NOTE: On November 28, a motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the Associate of Arts, Associate of Science and Certificate in General Studies. Those present voted in favor of the motion with one opposed.

E. Budget FY12

Provost Potvin presented a concept paper outlining a proposed distribution of additional funding to the colleges:

\$400,000	To base for resource allocation model (previously distributed)
\$400,000	To base for benchmarking
\$1.1M	To base for Freshman Seminar, Core and Extra Sections
\$400,000	OTO for resource allocation model

Deans will be expected to use these funds to address the strategic initiatives of the college and university. The Provost expects that the Deans will submit plans for how they propose to invest these funds strategically. The Provost requested that Deans review the proposed distribution and respond back in one week with any questions or concerns.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 9, 2012, 1 – 2:30 pm (President’s Conference Room)