Council of Deans 1/15/2013

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:06 a.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014. Steve Runge presided and the following members were present: Steve Addison, Kurt Boniecki, Art Gillaspy, Jonathan Glenn, Michael Hargis, Maurice Lee, Wendy Lucas, Gary McCullough, Diana Pounder, Terry Wright, and Laura Young.

- 1. The COD minutes of January 08, 2014, were unanimously approved.
- J. Glenn distributed a handout regarding ACT 747 program status. The deadline for compliance with the 120 hour program cap, or for submission of a request for an exemption waiver, is June 30, 2014. Discussion followed.
- 3. S. Runge reminded Council members that the deadline for submitting a "Big Project" idea to the Student Government Association is Friday. Discussion followed.
- 4. S. Runge advised Council members that preliminary enrollment numbers on the fifth day of classes show the university's undergraduate enrollment numbers for spring are up 37 students, and 50 FTE's, when compared to 2013. Discussion followed.
- 5. S. Runge stated that the Student Government Association has suggested that changes be made to how commencement speakers are selected, and how the addresses are delivered. Discussion followed.
- 6. Provost's Announcements
 - a. The deadline for faculty self-evaluations has been moved to February 14th, 2014. Discussion followed.
 - b. The meeting of the Centralized Scheduling Group has been rescheduled to January 22nd, 2014. Discussion followed.
 - c. Toney Flack, candidate for the university's Chief Technology Officer position, will be on campus next Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be an opportunity for interested faculty and staff to ask questions of the candidate. Discussion followed.
 - d. There was a legislative budget hearing yesterday, in which all university presidents and chancellors were at the table. The meeting went well.
 - e. There will be a Vision 2025 meeting on Friday. All colleges were invited, and S. Runge will attend.
 - f. There will be a STEM Computer Science meeting on campus this Friday.
 - g. The Martin Luther King Breakfast will be held Friday morning at 8:30 a.m.
 - h. The Honors College Mentor's Banquet last week was a very good event.
 - i. Space was secured yesterday for the sapling structure to be erected by a visiting artist. It will be placed between the two trees by the library.

7. Member reports

- a. W. Lucas announced that Hans Pfeil, from Information Technology, is in ICU with influenza.
- b. L. Young reminded Council members that faculty salary correction forms should be turned in directly to Amber Hall.
- c. M. Lee announced that the AP Student even was held on Saturday, with a good turnout. Also, the CHBS Dean Search Committee has a narrowed candidate list consisting of six strong candidates, and phone interviews will take place soon.
- d. D. Pounder stated the CNSM Dean Search Committee has narrowed the candidate pool to a short list, and phone interviews will take place soon.
- e. K. Boniecki stated that the Graduate School Dean Search Committee has narrowed the candidate list down to the committee's top five candidates. Interviews will be conducted online soon. The University College Director Search Committee will meet soon.
- f. A. Gillaspy stated that an interview is scheduled for the candidate being considered for the HPAW Residential Master position.
- g. T. Wright announced that the Baum Gallery Exhibition opens this week and everyone is encouraged to go. Also, "Broadway on Ice" will be presented at Reynolds Performance Hall on January 21st, and the stage will be iced down for the show.
- h. S. Runge announced that he received notice, in yesterday's Executive Staff meeting, that we will soon begin the process to develop the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget. We will have the opportunity to reallocate the base budget within our existing base budget. Also, the university is accepting two more students from Rwanda for the Fall 2014 semester.

The meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

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