

## **Deans Council Minutes December 11, 2006**

Members present: Peter Rabideau, chairman; Sue Minchew (for Richard Blackburn), Frances Coleman, Kent Hoblet, Lou Capella (for Danny Hollingsworth), George Hopper, Phil Oldham, Ruth Prescott, Kirk Schulz, Vance Watson, Jim West, and Jeanne Swafford. Also present were: Mark Binkley, Mike Rackley, and Dennis Prescott.

1. Vice President Dennis Prescott reviewed the "Reach for Excellence" campaign which we will try to fold into our "State of the Future" campaign. The President has approved the plan, but this is an opportunity for the Deans Council to offer input. The "Reach for Excellence" campaign is designed to go through 2010. This creates an opportunity to focus on many of the unmet needs.
  
2. Other Items:
  - Sue Minchew reported that Education is finishing a report for NCATE review in March.
  - Jeanne Swafford reported that Faculty Senate is working on the development of the honor code and also on student evaluation forms.
  - Lou Capella reported that the COBI Dean search committee airport interviews for five candidates are Thursday and Friday. For Fall 2007, classes will be scheduled in six new classrooms in McCool as well as the auditorium, which seats 280.
  - Vance Watson reported that last month 14,000 boxes of cheese were shipped, with the largest single order being \$16,000. The sale of peanuts also did well. We have a new department head coming in on December 28 in Landscape Architecture. John Boyle has said he will retire on April 30, so we will begin a search for a new head of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.
  - Frances Coleman reported that on Friday, they had a fire in the Library related to one of the old elevators.
  - George Hopper reported that the Dean of the Graduate School internal search is underway, with about six nominees received, and only one application thus far. Screening will begin on February 1.

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- Kirk Schulz reported that effective December 1, we have a new department in the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department. We have an oral commitment from Hemphill Construction for an endowed professorship. We are in the middle of a one-year campaign for Exxon Mobil for endowed professorship. We have narrowed to five candidates for Dean of COBI and after airport interviews, will cut the list down. We hope to have a recommendation to the Provost by February 1.
  - Phil Oldham reported that Arts and Sciences currently has three department head searches going on (Chemistry, Mathematics and Statistics, and Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work) with candidates coming in early 2007. We are working on the African American Studies minor, as well as other initiatives. We have eleven P&T applications at this time.
  - Jim West reported that their college held an all-day research symposium for students and faculty, and received positive feedback. Interior design site visit was this fall and we should receive their report soon. We are looking for the Construction Program to be on the IHL agenda in January.
  - Ruth Prescott reported that the feedback on the Game Day at the Junction was positive. We are currently in negotiations for a Thursday night game in 2007 with LSU at the beginning of the season. Dr. Rabideau led a discussion concerning how the Deans feel regarding a Thursday night game, required class minutes, parking, etc. It was agreed that we need guidelines for Thursday night games.
3. New Programs
- We have submitted two programs: Earth and Atmospheric Sciences PhD and Building Construction Science BS. The Staff and commissioner will recommend approval of the Building Construction, but will not recommend approval of the Atmospheric Sciences. We will still have to be prepared to defend our proposals.