

**Academic Governance Meeting**  
**April 20, 2016**

Faculty: Chris Nowak, Eddie Bevilacqua, Greg Boyer, Lindi Quakenbush Stew Diemont, Greg McGee, Mary Collins, Ken Tiss, Ivan Ivanov, William Smith, Bob Meyers, Doug Johnston, Richard Hawks, Andrea Parker, Jacqui Frair, Bennette Whitmore, Tim Volk, Ted Dibble, Philip Vidon, Scot Turner, Dayton Reuter, Jonathan Cohen, Jack Manno, Rick Beal, Joanne Ellis, Klaus Doelle, Anthony Miller, Doug Morrison, Ruth Owens,

Management Confidential: Bob French, Neil Ringler, Anne Lombard, Chuck Spuches, Joe Rufo, Gary Peden, Valerie Luzadis

Staff: Heidi Webb, Dan Ramin, Christine Langlois, John Turbeville, Claire Dunn, John View, Mary Triano, Laura Crandall, Brandon Murphy, Aaron Rounds, David Kiemle, Sophie Gublo-Jantzen, Casey Duffy, Joseph Pagcaliwagan, Erin Tochelli

Students: Scott Bergy, Mike Jones, Jordan C'Dealva-Lenik, Margaret Foley, Denali Trimble, Chris Maldono, Erika Sikes, Frank Bailey, Tyler Sheilds

Provost Luzadis read a statement from President Wheeler... can't be here, but he's been busy and he's at an event in DC (with Maureen Fellows). He'll present with some students tomorrow and is part of the Planet Forward board. Will be back tomorrow for the Moonlighting even on Friday and hope to see you at the Spring Banquet.

Updates (Val's voice) – Strengthening our Community Taskforce – thanks to Doug J. and Benette. They are working on a survey and hope to have that out soon.

Provost search committee – Emmanuel Carter is chairing and Joe Rufo is securing a search firm. Thanks to Chris Nowak for his work on the Strategic Plan.

Close the Gap planning will go hand and hand with strategic planning to close the structural budget deficit. Highlight that we will continue to be a doctoral institution & we won't close any depts. – they are focusing on identifying revenue sources – and they will close the gap in 3-5 years. These things will be the foundation to build on our strengths as we move forward. Will be working with Physical plant and master plan. Continue to identify infrastructure needs. Will do a retreat this summer to solidify this. This will be conveyed and talked about this fall to improve it.

They've been working on health services for the future. They have a final contract with SU to continue with disability support & access to other services for the coming 5 yrs.

**Committee on Classroom/Lab Renovation**

Kelley - This document was pulled together by a committee chaired by Heidi Webb... questions: Margaret – went to a conference and there was an accessibility discussion – wondering if this was considered in this effort?

Heidi – it was considered and several classrooms were added because of this, e.g., if folks couldn't see the screens.

**Endorsed – all ayes.**

**Clicker policy**

Being put forth by IQAS after being brought forward by students.

Comments/questions/concerns?

Lindi – she doesn't use clickers, but wondered if folks who do are good with this?

Kelley – we only got one comment and they were.

Ken Tiss – also doesn't use, but this seems to infringe on Academic Freedom in the classroom & what if students next have issues with textbooks? Did the committee consider this?

Kelley – she doesn't think it is infringing – it was a request from students to consider their economic concerns. It was considered and this is the result.

Request to call the question.

All those in favor: **All ayes, except Ken (nay).**

### **Curriculum actions – Dayton Reuter**

Gave floor to Tim to provide an overview of energy classes – they have added a course and updated courses.

Comments/questions/concerns?

All those in favor: **All ayes**

Greg speaking for Chris Nomura – BS in Biochemistry new program (haven't had a new program in 20 yrs)

Comments/questions/concerns?

Ruth – is it administered through Chem?

Greg – Yes.

Ruth – is the library course still required?

Greg – Yes.

Denali – Any new courses?

Greg – some courses will be converted into a G/UG course to ensure students can fulfill this program

Laura – will this draw students?

Greg – yes, this is an extremely popular major in other colleges

Laura – when will we start?

Greg – they already have 10-15 freshmen who want to switch to it

All those in favor: **All ayes**

### **Library Committee – Stew Diemont**

Consider joining the committee

Jessica Clemmons is the interim director and so was new to the committee.

Items are discarded, but not really, they are sent to Better World Books – a suggestion was that faculty/students at ESF should get first dibs. Hoping to make this happen.

Digital Commons went live and has lots of awesome stuff on it.

Friends of Moon Library - \$1200 to buy a study corral... and a mug for \$25.

### **Strategic Planning update - Chris Nowak**

Getting it ready for endorsement on May 14.

Committee has met 14 times and the second draft was released April 11 (106 comments were responded to). New iteration is 20% different, significant revisions in many areas. 30 more comments being considered by the committee from the two lightly attended discussions. A draft will be submitted to the Pres by 4/24. If anyone has any comments, it has to be to them by this Friday. All comments will be available on the web.

A discussion will be facilitated by the AGEC 5/14 and then an electronic vote would be put forth for endorsing the plan. The document will then go to the Board of Trustees on 5/13 and will endorse it from their perspective.

7 Ps – Pleased and proud with where they are at. Process and product to be proud of. Now they need a Proper finish.

Kelly - Please volunteer for AG committees – without faculty help and support, things don't happen.

**Bob French – overview of admissions for Fall 2016**

Freshmen – 330 (last year 318, the year before 331)

Transfer – 215 (last year 229 - normally 40% of students we have historically are freshmen) a lot is a decrease in the Ranger School #s – OCC has dropped by a lot and this may be influencing.

Trying to maintain student quality (average transfer GPA is 3.2 and want to stay there).

High GPAs (93%, 1200 on SAT, similar to last year, which was the highest ever) & about 37% accept once accepted. 91 came in Early Decision. More out of state students and diverse students accepted, but historically, fewer of these students accept.

For 2016 we plan to have 1,740 FT UGs in 2016, 480 Grads.

Jordan – data on international students?

Bob – they are expecting more and most International students are graduate.

Lindi – proportion of students who pay a deposit and then come.

Bob – enrolled 318 out of 333 with deposits paid (this was the most we've lost) – most were out of state students, so last minute financial concerns.

**ESF Athletics**

192 student athletes (11% of UG body) – seven sports, men & women

Pitching an idea to put in an athletic field at Lafayette field station. They have problems with getting fields and it is expensive... cheaper to build and maintain than what they've been paying for renting fields. Clearing and grading would be done by forest properties folks, who've said they can do it and have the equipment. Might get alumni to support. Might look down at Tully as well.

He has sent an e-mail to folks asking for their comments.

Scott – who'd remodel the lab space into locker rooms?

Bob – that would be phase 2.

Christine – Forest Properties would help clear the land, but who would maintain?

Bob – they are exploring, probably be contracted out.

Melissa – cost less than renting fields?

Bob – yes, but the bigger deal is to actually have a field that you can use.

Chris – how does this take precedence over other campus needs?

Bob – he's not saying that it should or that it does take precedence – an example is that you can't compare this to many of the things that are needed.

Conflict of Interest Policy – Questions/concerns – talk to Neil Ringler

USDA Reepport – we need to do these!!!

Any other new business? No.

Adjourned