

PROVOST'S COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

October 27, 2009

In attendance: Osama Abudayyeh (for T. Vizzini), Diane Anderson, Nick Andreadis, Dawn Gaymer, Tim Greene, Bassam Harik, Keith Hearit, Don McCloud, Margaret Merrion, Dave Powell, Lew Pyenson, Joe Reish, Ajay Samant, Sue Stapleton (for T. Kent), Sue Timmer, Gary Wegenke  
 Guests: Bob Miller and Grey Ayers and Brenda Haight (Discover Kalamazoo)

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION POINTS & ACTION	THINGS TO BE DONE
<b>Greg Ayers, Discover Kalamazoo</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Bob Miller introduced Greg Ayers (President) and Brenda Haight (Sales Manager) of Discover Kalamazoo (formerly the Convention &amp; Visitors Bureau)</li> <li>o Discover Kalamazoo has provided event coordination and assistance to Admissions, Athletics, Miller Auditorium, Medieval Institute, etc.; would also like to provide assistance to the academic areas</li> <li>o Could bolster our reputation as an internationally known institution through sponsorship of conferences on campus                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The number of flights into Kalamazoo is limiting; access to Kalamazoo could be increased through Amtrak and limo services</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Conferencing services available to the campus (Discover Kalamazoo, EUP, Division of Student Affairs) will be on the agenda of a spring session Academic Forum</li> </ul>	
<b>Update on Academic Affairs Strategic Planning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The first university forum on the Academic Affairs Strategic Plan (October 13) was poorly attended; the next forum will be held on October 30 (noon, 1025 Brown Hall) and the last will be on November 4 (5:30 p.m., 208 Bernhard)</li> <li>o Generally, the interest level appears to run from engaged to interested with constraints to no interest at all                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Positive signs include references to the strategic plan in recently submitted budget protocols</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Incumbent on Provost's Council to interpret document for chairs, faculty, and staff; the specification of priorities should no longer result in unanticipated surprises</li> <li>o Recommendations for faculty lines will flow from the chairs to the deans to the provost</li> <li>o The process of synthesizing the feedback and writing the final document will begin after Thanksgiving</li> </ul>	
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Differential tuition will probably eliminate fees unless course is typically taken by non-majors                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 100% returned to college with 25% going to scholarships/financial aid in that college</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Feedback on the two candidates for the Dean of the College of Education and Human Development is encouraged and should be submitted by this Friday as the search committee anticipates making</li> </ul>	

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	<p>its recommendation to the provost the week of November 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The Health Center is seeing a steady increase in the number of H1N1 cases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The vaccine will be managed very tightly</li> <li>o Faculty are asked to be lenient in allowing student absences</li> </ul> </li> <li>o The Detroit reception last night was successful and on-site admissions were done; the lease of a location for a Detroit center (Royal Oak near 14 Mile and Woodward Ave) will go before the Board on Monday</li> </ul>	
<b>Highlights From Around the Table</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o HCOB hosted a pancake breakfast during Homecoming</li> <li>o The CAS inducted 12 new members into their Alumni Academy</li> <li>o COA is working on diversity issues (the typical cockpit is white male)</li> <li>o Waldo Library is now open to 3 a.m.; headcounts are being done at midnight, 1, and 2 a.m. to determine utilization</li> <li>o Reminder—college budget protocols were due Friday (October 23)</li> <li>o EUP is in the process of scheduling meetings with the colleges to review programs</li> <li>o HIGE has signed an agreement with the Dominican Republic and is working on an agreement with China; deans will receive an invitation to dinner (Monday, November 23) in celebration of the dedication of the Confucius Institute</li> <li>o The Graduate College open house (October 22) witnessed enthusiasm despite a lower than anticipated turnout</li> <li>o The Honors College is working with pre-med students</li> <li>o Fine Arts inducted 4 members into their Alumni Academy at a recent reception in Chicago; Dancing With the WMU Stars will be this Friday (October 30)</li> <li>o The College of Education and Human Development has received word that NCATE has removed all previously cited conditions from its approval</li> <li>o The Provost's Council will not meet on November 3 or 17</li> </ul>	
<b>Future Agenda Items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o CHHS Video</li> <li>o Are college campaign goals attainable?</li> <li>o January 2010—recommendations regarding the revision of the 2005 policy on academic chairs and directors</li> </ul>	
<b>Upcoming Important Dates</b>	<p>October 18 to 20, 2010—HLC Visit</p>	