

**ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
OCTOBER 9, 2019
1:30pm, CARR 203**

Meeting Notes – Academic Leadership Council – October 9, 2019

Notes by Mary Lynne Golden

Members Present:

Frank Einhellig	Chris Craig	Guest:
Rachelle Darabi	Joye Norris	Terry Weber
Shawn Wahl	David Meinert	John Chuchiak
David Hough	Mark Smith	
Victor Matthews	Tamara Jahnke	
Thomas Peters	Julie Masterson	
Rob Hornberger	Michelle Olsen	
Greg Rainwater	Tona Hetzler	
Cameron Wickham	Saibal Mitra - absent	
Ronald Del Vecchio	Keri Franklin	

Announcements

- 1) CGEIP inviting Gen Ed Coor. In the Natural World areas to the Oct. 9 meeting, 4:00pm, **KARL 102**
- 2) CGEIP & Course Coordinator meeting for Public Affairs, Nov. 6, 3:30pm
- 3) College Fee proposals – update Greg via email
- 4) Refer to Academic Work Calendar for due dates on Curriculum grants, Study Away, etc.
- 5) Cost Center funded Equity Requests for Staff due to Provost by November 1, 2019
- 6) Annual MSU/OTC Joint Meeting, Monday, Feb. 24, 2020, 3:30pm
- 7) AY2020-2021 Calendar is NOT changing
- 8) Board of Governors meeting agenda
- 9) Homecoming Activities

Discussion

1) Guest – Terry Weber re: Commencement Times

Terry talked to the Deans in regards to standardization of commencement times. This will help with families being able to schedule travel arrangements in the future as well as the Colleges able to set graduation acknowledgements in their respective colleges. Terry has set up a 3-year rotation of the colleges in regards to start times. For the next 3 years we will keep with the current schedule for Fall 2019 and then every 3 years will rotate. This rotation also allows for colleges to rotate who is in the first commencement and so on. For the time being, a 4th commencement is not being looked at for the near future. If numbers hold, we will be down in numbers based on the current number of seniors and not having a 4th commencement is fully supported at this moment.

2) Guest – John Chuchiak re: dropping Honors classes/advisement

Honors College has been collecting data as to why retention in the Honors college has been declining. Dr. Chuchiak displayed a graph that indicated the percentage of Honors students who have voluntarily withdrawn from Honors. 315% increase of voluntary withdrawals. Advisors are telling Honors students that employers don't care that they are honors students. Dr. Chuchiak spoke in more detail about the reasons students are giving in regards to why they are dropping out of the honors program. Dr. Chuchiak will be sending the Deans a list of students that are currently designated as Honors in order for the Deans to see if they can help improve retention. Dr. Jahnke suggested having some focus groups with faculty and/or students to work on the issues also. Dr. Matthews suggested rotating the honors faculty into upper division classes. Dr. Chuchiak indicated that they use the faculty that the departments are suggesting, but Dr. Matthews suggested asking again to see if some of the General Honors faculty could teach upper division classes. 38% of honors students are in the accelerated program so that they can do research. Students are coming in with over 30 credits to be in the accelerated track.

3) Update on moving expenses and how that effects MSU – Greg

A new tax bill went into effect 1/1/2018 that requires that the university tax employees on moving expenses. Payroll will calculate the taxes based on the expenses and then take the money out of the first paycheck the employee receive. Financial services did not email the deans or Provost office as far as we know. Greg is looking into if this can be withheld in payments instead of lump sums.

4) Fast Track Actions – Rob

There is now a webpage that has been developed that shows candidates what the eligibility requirements are to be considered a Fast Track candidate. Fast Track is the new financial disbursement from the MO Department of Higher Education. There are links to the programs that are considered Fast Track. Students will be told and counseled through this that students do need to be employed in a profession of the majors and stay in it for at least 3 years or the financial aid becomes a loan. We are advertising by contacting students directly, the web page, working on students who have attended in the past and left the university. Deans can help when contacting former students and might reach out to the colleges to help reach out to former students from the colleges. Rob asked Deans to include Fast Track in any recruiting material that they use for the colleges, especially non-traditional students since one of the eligibility requirements is that the student be at least 25 years old. The first contact group was 187 students that were age and financially qualified.

5) Prepping for CAEP visit – David

CAEP visit is November 3-5, 2019. Will be interviewing key people on Sunday and Monday. A team of 3 reviewers. COE will be contacting other Deans and Administration next week to set of interview meetings. David will be in touch with any interviewees for prep prior to the meetings.

6) Spring 2020 Graduate Assistantships – Julie

Julie reminded the Deans that the due date for Spring 2020 is coming up. For spring 2020 GA's a reminder will be sent out that the deadline is November 1. If departments do not meet the deadline, departments will have to hire their GA's through student employment and therefore no fee waivers. This is really for continuing GA's for the most part. The announcement will come out today.

7) Update on Public Affairs conference – Rachelle

Rachelle gave a quick update on the Public Affairs conference. We were down slightly in attendance, but that is accounted for by fewer GEP students and Bobby Bones was not as well

attended as last years Keynote. (Jenna Bush Hager) However, a successful conference. There will be a report to the BOG during the October meeting.

8) Potential Retiree dinner for faculty/staff – Mary Lynne

Beginning Spring 2020, staff and faculty retirees will be honored at a dinner in mid- to late March. This will include the staff who have retired in 2019 and the faculty that who have retired since May 2019 (and did not get recognized at the 2019 All Faculty Recognition reception) and will include the faculty who intend to retire this year including up to August 2020.