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MINUTES
COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC DEANS MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2000

Members Present: James Flynn, Bob Cobb, David Lee, Michael Binder, Linda Brown-Ferguson (representing Martin Houston), Phillip Myers, Richard Kirchmeyer, Luther Hughes, Michael Dale, Karen Adams, Robert Jefferson, Martha Houchins (representing Frank Conley) and John Petersen

I. Information/Clarification Items:

A. U.S. News' 2001 College Rankings - Dale

Mr. Dale reviewed the U.S. News 2001 College Rankings with the Council. After much discussion, the Provost asked Dr. Flynn to begin searching for what is unique about Western and what should/could Western be doing to promote this uniqueness. The Provost will ask Dr. Gene Tice to join the Council in the future to discuss how student life is or should be connected with this.

B. University Senate Update

The Provost reported to the Council on the first University Senate Meeting. The Provost encouraged deans to attend the senate meetings. Senate meetings have been changed to the third Thursday of each month.

C. Computer Application Training

Dr. Kirchmeyer asked that anyone needing computer application training to send those to him for scheduling.

II. Discussion/Action Items:

A. Consultation Policy - Petersen

Dr. Petersen distributed a "draft" of the Consulting Policy and the Plan to Engage in External Consulting Services by Faculty or Staff Form for discussion. After much discussion, the Provost asked Robert Jefferson to convene the five academic deans, Phil Myers and John Petersen to develop a simplistic statement of guidelines that will be implemented by the end of September.

B. Academic Priorities - Flynn

Dr. Flynn distributed Academic Affairs Priority Setting, draft 3 for discussion. This "draft" gave the layout of what goals in Academic Affairs need immediate attention. The Council is to review the "draft" for additions/deletions and let Jim Flynn know prior to the next meeting.

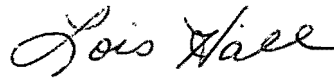
Dr. Jefferson suggested that Advisory Council be added to Goal 4.

C. TOEFL Test Score Recommendation - Petersen

Dr. Petersen presented a recommendation to the Council from the Ad hoc Committee on TOEFL Scores to the Council that University adopt new TOEFL scores of 525 for undergraduate students and 550 for graduate students effective immediately. After a brief discussion, David Lee made to motion to accept TOFEL score of 525 for undergraduate students and 550 for graduate students effective for admission for the January, 2001 term. Karen Adams seconded. The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lois Hall".

Lois Hall