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Minutes
Council of Academic Deans
Tuesday, April 21, 2009
9:00 a.m.

Members Present: John Bonaguro, Richard Bowker, William Tallon, Blaine Ferrell, Ladonna Hunton, Sadiq Shah, Doug McElroy, Mike Dale, Dean Kahler, Craig Cobane, Cornell Menking, Jane Olmsted, Mike binder, Richard Miller, and Dennis George.

Guests Present: Debbie Weisberger attended for Sherry Reid, Retta Poe for Sam Evans, Mary Cole for Don Swoboda, Larry Snyder for David Lee, and Bernie Strenecky.

I. Information/Clarification Items:

A. CPE Visit

CPE Staff will come for a campus visit on April 28, 2009 to learn more about WKU. Dr. Burch is working on the agenda.

B. Other

Dr. Burch announced the KIIS (Kentucky Institute for International Studies) Board passed the motion to move to WKU by a margin of 30-4. KIIS has been housed at Murray for 30 years and wanted to go for an open bid. Dr. Burch indicated KIIS will be a great presence on campus and will take the WKU logo when they travel. They bring their own staff and will be housed at a location to be determined in Tate Page Hall. KIIS will come to campus in July 2009.

Dr. Richard Miller distributed the Extended Campus Part-Time Adjunct Reimbursement schedule.

II. Discussion/Action Items:

A. Scholar-in-Residence

Dr. Bernie Strenecky presented the Scholar-in-Residence Program and discussed his role as Scholar-in-Residence to the Council of Academic Deans. The Program began in 2008 at WKU to utilize the expertise of recently retired academics to reach specific university goals. Positions are for one year and can be part-time or full-time. The Scholar-in-Residence does not do the project but teaches someone else to do the project. Dr. Strenecky discussed the specific projects currently under way. There are currently 13 projects in progress.

Dr. Burch discussed involving Emeritus Faculty in the Scholar-in-Residence Program. She will present the idea at the Emeritus Luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2009.

B. Draft "Professional Development Award Policy"

Ladonna Hunton presented a Draft Professional Development Award Policy and discussed the policy highlights. Ladonna will make the suggested revisions by the deans and present the revised draft policy at a future meeting of the Council of Academic Deans.

C. Strategic Plan

Dennis George asked the Deans to give thought to priorities they would like to see in the revised Strategic Plan. There was discussion regarding how to involve faculty in determining priorities. Dr. Burch indicated the Strategic Plan will be a short term document. She asked Deans to give thought to priorities for 2012 and also for 2015. Following discussion, Dr. George asked deans to email priorities to him by Friday, May 1. Dr. George will compile the items and bring the document back to the Council of Academic Deans. Dr. Burch indicated the revised Strategic Plan must go before the Board of Regents for the July 2009 meeting and that the document must go before Administrative Council prior to that meeting.

Dr. Burch asked for volunteers to frame an agenda with President Ransdell. Dr. Burch will invite President Ransdell to a working meeting with the Council of Academic Deans after priorities have been determined. Dr. Ferrell asked for an extension to get priorities to Dr. George. It was agreed that priorities should be sent to Dr. George by Friday, May 8, 2009. Dr. Burch indicated Assistant and Associate Deans should also be invited to the meeting once priorities are determined.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Teresa Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "J" and "K".

Teresa Jackson