

Deans Council

December 4, 2008

Present: Hughey, Sarratore, Bever, Sciame-Giesecke, Wallace, Swails, Dible, Wellington

Guests: Tharp, Nowak

VC Sarratore passed out several handouts.

**Town Hall Meeting:** Only four students showed up. We want to get the message to them that we are willing to work with them regarding financial hardship.

Enrollment: Fall enrollment numbers will stop having the kind of impact on the campus budget that they used to have. Instead, the Commission is looking at baccalaureate completion. Our enrollment numbers are below last year. Starting 5 days later in 2009 may have a positive impact on our budget this year. We need to look at classes that may not be viable for next semester and make a decision on whether or not to keep wait-list students hanging in there or let them know the classes are not going to open. MBAs will be affected by Chrysler and Delphi tuition benefits. We will not have their money next year. What can we do to help them?

**Budget Recommendations:** At the current time, Indiana is in a budget crisis. We don't expect the kind of mid-year cutbacks we have seen in the past. In the current budget proposal, students who complete a course with a D- or better get us money; F students do not.

Everyone is looking for new pools of students. We need to have a larger discussion on housing for students, including international students. What demographic of students do we want to target?

Before we make a new program proposal, we need to do a brief pre-proposal to share with Administrative Council. We might use this draft proposal to send across the campus before we

fill out the Commission's document. The deans reviewed and accepted the pre-proposal document (attached).

**Advising:** Suggestions of how the advising clusters could be set up were handed out to the deans. The deans are to get s back to the Vice Chancellor with pros and cons of these suggested clusters. The next Deans Council meeting will be on December 18.

**Web:** Nowak commented on where we are on the web redesign and gave the VCAA a list of those academic people who have not yet submitted their paperwork. He also spoke on the Phoenix Society and donor funds.

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