

## Deans' Council

September 22, 2011

Attendees: B. Barnett, E. Daffron, L. Chakrin, H. Nejad, S. Perry, E. Siecke, S. Rosenberg, E. Saiff, C. Romano and J. Jeney.

B. Barnett opened the meeting; she continues to work on the Academic Plan and has the majority of this year's plan entered including an evaluation of last year.

**Faculty Council** – Everyone is encouraged to take a look at these notes which include shared collegial governance, deans' evaluations and faculty input. Faculty discussed the issue of the new MBA program, and is asking what their area of authority was in this, and if it is split between curriculum decisions and other issues. Faculty has to have a voice in strategic matters.

More discussion followed on faculty governance and meeting time constraints especially as it relates to unit council meetings.

**SBR** – Dispersement of funds and problems with faculty filing reports. Faculty want to be able to spend money whenever and however they like, do not like time limits, and do like to be able to teach when they're receiving funds. There is a problem with accountability and getting annual project reports from faculty. More discussion followed on changing criteria and selection process for funding.

C. Naporano will research original deans' statement on FLEX from 2006-07.

**Grant Checklist** - J. Jeney provided a grant checklist form for faculty who are applying for grants.

- The foundation does provide a grant checklist form but it has a very small area for signatures and little or no opportunity for feedback to provost and deans on the outcomes.
- Current approval form that is being used does not allow for appropriate academic input.
- The grant checklist that was distributed is in draft form.
- Discussion followed on the form and specific guidelines such as adjunct faculty applying for grants.
- It was agreed that J. Jeney should be allowed to work on the checklist with the College foundation.

**Tenure** – Discussion on criteria and strengthening and clarifying the service piece.

- Service Criteria, Tenure and Promotion: Service compensated vs. non compensated and how does flex issue fit into this.
- Application for personnel action- faculty have been asked to identify peer review vs. non peer reviewed publications asking faculty to do the same for service, to determine how service is valued.
- There are a list of items that can be considered as service, one item is convenership.
- E. Saiff volunteered to work on faculty service criteria with J. Jeney and promised to bring recommendations to deans' council.

**MBA** – discussion on the proposal and resources that are required. There is a need to grow graduate programs at Ramapo because current programs are not meeting revenue goals.

The MBA proposal may be presented to faculty in a public forum since there is no time in the Faculty Assembly calendar for a formal presentation.

**Board Policy 317** – Needs to move to Provosts Council after consideration. Former policy noted that nursing students needed 126 credits, however, that requirement has been changed.

Policy was approved with minor corrections to heading and copy.

C. Romano noted that there will be a new scholar's reception on Tuesday, September 27 at 5 pm in the Pavilion. It will be for all freshmen who have scholarships.

L. Siecke asked the deans for support with faculty who are keeping overdue library books.