

MINUTES

Ramapo College Board of Trustees

Deans' Council

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Thursday, September 5, 2019, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

AC 202

A. Approval of Minutes

Becker

Minutes from the July 18 and August 1 meetings were approved.

B. U.Achieve Update

Becker 30 min

Fernanda Papalia and Joe Connell joined at 9am.

J. Connell noted all current students except seniors and RN-to-BSN students are now using U.Achieve. Student Success is creating self-guided training activities for faculty to learn the Planning and Audit features; it will include information about General Education requirements. E. Petkus complimented J. Connell on developing training videos.

Advisement Liaisons will attend the 9/11/19 ASB, CA, and TAS Unit Councils, and the 9/25/19 HGS and SSHS Unit Councils, to update faculty on U.Achieve.

The FRC has scheduled a session on U.Achieve training.

F. Papalia shared there are two reports that pulls information that can help project needs by course and by term. This will be helpful in planning ahead to see how many sections of each course are needed, based on students' plans. However, not every student has a plan. F. Papalia clarified that currently, students' plans do not differentiate between Fall and Spring, but in the future, there will be a template schedule of courses by term. J. Connell added that U.Achieve Planning does inform students of the proper sequencing of courses. C. Romano noted that advisors are reviewing students' plans. F. Papalia added that all schedules are subject to change.

F. Papalia asked the Deans to request that faculty review audits and ensure that any audit adjustments are requested. The Registrar is making an effort to produce clean audits to help streamline the graduation application process; she suggested that each Dean appoint a staff member who can handle all audit adjustments.

C. 3+1 Update

Romano 30 min

C. Romano shared that three meetings have taken place with community and county colleges; the idea was well-received. Each partnership would be slightly different, tailoring it to the needs of the community college. C. Romano noted that a similar model already exists at Ramapo in the RN-to-BSN program: students transfer in 90 credits and then finish their fourth year of coursework at Ramapo.

S. Gaulden will look into the Middle States implications.

E. Saiff inquired about transportation to campus for the fourth year. S. Becker noted that students may come to campus in the fourth year, or courses could be online or hybrid.

The next steps are to discuss the nuances of the curricula.

60 min

D. Discussion on Deans' involvement in IA

VP Davey and Dr. Angela Cristini joined at 10am.

C. Davey and A. Cristini joined the meeting for an overview of the development process. The Deans expressed their willingness to be utilized strategically in collaboration with IA.

C. Davey shared general statistics:

- 75% of donors fund student scholarships
- Donors are engaged in their giving and give to specific projects; faculty line positions at a public liberal arts college are less likely to receive support.
- Nationally, alumni giving has decreased.
- Fundraising priorities are set by the Board of Governors.

Additionally, she gave an overview of the donor cycle and discussed fundraising strategies. She emphasized the Deans are on the forefront and able to work closely with IA in cultivating and stewarding donors. C. Davey suggested meeting with each Dean once a semester to review portfolios and plan targeted events. The Deans agreed this was a good idea.

A. Cristini noted that the College receives an average of \$4.1 million in external grants annually.

E. Saiff inquired if IA could provide briefings and bios prior to events. C. Davey responded yes.

E. Petkus asked about the Business Partners program. C. Davey shared one program is through the Annual Fund, which facilitates corporate gifts of \$10,000-15,000 in unrestricted funds. In addition, other companies designate support towards student scholarships and internships.

The Deans thanked C. Davey and A. Cristini.

Total Meeting Time: 2h 0m