

## MINUTES

### Ramapo College Board of Trustees

#### Deans' Council

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Thursday, January 16, 2020, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

AC 202

#### A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the December 19 meeting were approved.

#### B. Academic Masterplan

Becker

S. Becker explained the folders shared related to the Academic Masterplan. The supporting documentation/demand analysis materials are reports and trend data, however, the reports do not equate to decisions. S. Becker inquired if it would be meaningful to establish a formal group of individuals within and across schools to explore new programs. E. Saiff noted that ARC has the best knowledge of current programs, and added that data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and NJ community colleges should also factor into the demand analysis.

C. Romano shared that the College enlisted an outside firm a few years ago to conduct this broad type of data analysis, and that the reports received were meaningful. He described the various data sources and the firm's methodology. He will share the reports with the Deans. E. Saiff and A. Lorenz agreed that such kinds of reports/data would be very useful, and could be an information source for the proposed group of individuals. C. Romano will reach out to the firm to set up a call.

P. Campbell inquired if this proposed group could replace the Innovation Task Force. He suggested creating a new committee within Academic Affairs with a broad charge that could include improving the feasibility study for new programs (under the Provost's purview). S. Becker will draft ideas and share with the Deans Council.

E. Petkus noted that ARC monitors programs to ensure that there is not duplicity in programs. C. Romano inquired if ARC has been assessed.

S. Becker added he would like the Deans to continue conversations within their schools regarding programs both short and long-term. If a program requires new resources, it should not immediately be dismissed: it can be an investment in growth.

S. Hangen noted that programs should try to include hands-on experience in the requirements, such as required co-ops, internships, or field placement. She also added that Global Health is a growing interdisciplinary social science/humanities area. E. Saiff inquired how it differentiated from Public Health. S. Hangen clarified the field includes the social constraints.

C. Romano added that the College should avoid competing with itself by developing multiple overlapping programs.

#### C. Academic Affairs Structure

Becker

S. Becker shared that in recent program reviews, external reviewers have shared feedback about

the school structure. S. Becker noted that may be productive to review the current structure, but he will not participate in the initial discussions: it would be better to have research and other proposals come forth organically.

**D. Reminder: Vice Provost Gaulden will conduct a Program Review workshop on Wednesday, 1/29 from 2-3:30pm. Details forthcoming.**

D. Couzens shared the reminder.

**E. Reminder: Input on RF Grades for Provost's Council on 1/23.**

D. Couzens shared the reminder.

**F. New Business**

*3+1:* S. Hangen shared that Southern New Hampshire University recently announced a partnership with Pennsylvania community colleges. C. Romano noted Rutgers shared similar news with its partnership with Camden County College. He also reminded the Deans of the upcoming meeting on January 30. He has charged an administrative task force.

The transcripts will show three years of transfer credit, with an Associate's and Advanced Associate's degree. The bachelor's diploma will be a Ramapo diploma. It is similar to the RN-to-BSN program in this way.

*EOF:* C. Romano clarified that the decision to revise the program from six weeks to five was based on a variety of factors. There is no state mandate for the summer program; many institutions have shorter or online programs. C. Romano will share more information with the Deans in case there are questions.

*Admissions:* C. Romano will send the Deans updates on applications as well as proposed changes to yield events.