

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-FLINT

Council of Deans Meeting

**Thursday, November 10, 2011
3:00 p.m. – Shiawassee Room**

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Members Present: Bob Barnett, David Gordon, Vahid Lotfi, D. J. Trela and Chris Waters

Gerard called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes from October 27th Meeting ► The Minutes from October 27 were reviewed and any changes were to be sent to Sue Fabbro.

Promotion and Tenure Timeline ► Discussion included the timeline of contacting external reviewers. Emphasis was placed on the need for contacting external reviewers in a timely manner and possibly moving the timeline up a bit so that reviewers have a longer time to review dossiers. By doing so, casebook information can be submitted to the Provost Office earlier than previously scheduled. There was also a general consensus that there should not be more than one reviewer from the same institution per candidate.

Discussion also took place regarding clinical track faculty moving to tenure track. Gerard indicated that a move from clinical track to tenure track is permitted one time only.

Strategic Plan Priorities ► Gerard distributed a one-page handout outlining six goals for the Strategic Plan implementation. He indicated that CAC/BSP is in agreement with this set of initial priorities and that a CAC/BSP Retreat is planned for March in which they will consider additional initiatives for the next year; the Deans expressed a willingness to attend. Questions arose regarding additional goals of retention, online learning, space allocations, and diversity.

Chris Waters and Mary Jo Sekelsky are co-chairing a Committee regarding the Student Success Center and plans include a town hall meeting and a luncheon meeting in December.

University Audits ► Gerard announced that the Office of the Provost is currently going through a formal audit this year.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.