

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-FLINT

Council of Deans Meeting
Wednesday, May 10, 2017
10:00 a.m. – Shiawassee Room

~ *Minutes* ~

Members Present: Senior Vice Provost Lotfi, Dean Barnett, Dean Gano-Phillips, Director Houbeck, Dean Johnson, Dean Fry, and Special Advisor to the Provost Smith, and Provost Knerr

Members Absent: Interim Dean Andrews

Guest: Mike Hague, Vice Chancellor Business and Finance

Provost Knerr called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

University Budget Update ► Vice Chancellor Hague provided the council with updates on upcoming budget changes and how best to manage them for each Department. Delegation of spending authority is one of the issues that will aid in management. Reduction of spending will be discussed with each individual unit and how best to implement strategies for saving. Protocols were discussed as a tool for managing how money is authorized for spending in each Department. Strategic planning for future revenue will be an important tool for long term growth. Provost Knerr and Vice Chancellor Hague will meet to review budgets and commitments. Budget will be reviewed at the Regents on May 18th. They will be available to each Dean to review. Vice Chancellor Hague has requested UM Flint's addition to the HAIL program which allows for transfer to the Ann Arbor campus after attending UM Flint for one year. UM Dearborn is currently in the HAIL program. It does however affect Flint's retention rate but is still a boost to enrollment. Dean Fry shared an interest in collaborating with Ann Arbor across programs. She also stated UM Flint is not currently on the list of Universities at the GISD. Provost Knerr plans to have a discussion with the GISD regarding this topic. Discussion ensued.

Area Updates ► The Provost introduced our new Executive Assistant to the Provost, Heidi Zayan. Heidi spent twenty-three plus years at the University of Michigan Medical center in various administrative and research capacities. She and Jill Hubbard will work closely together on the vision for the office such as updating the Provost website, improving the convocation ceremony as well as aiding with commencement.

Faculty searches are wrapping up and the quality of candidates are high.

Approval of Minutes – May 3, 2017 ► The Minutes of May 3, 2017 were approved as written.

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.