

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-FLINT

Council of Deans Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2016
10:00 a.m. – Shiawassee Room

~ *Minutes* ~

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

Members Absent: Dean Barnett

Guests: Tess Barker, Chief of Staff
Julie Peterson, Peterson Rudgers Group
Lisa Rudgers, Peterson Rudgers Group
Jay Nussel, Director of Development

The Provost called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Strategic Planning ♦ The Provost introduced Chief of Staff Tess Barker and she gave a short history on the previous strategic plan and process that was used. Barker reminded the Council of the reprioritization that took place in 2014. She asked everyone to keep in mind the changing demographics, the Flint water crisis, and the expanded physical campus and community partnerships. Barker then introduced Julie Peterson and Lisa Rudgers from the Peterson Rudgers Group. Peterson and Rudgers explained their role in the strategic planning process. They shared their purpose and goals to the Council and began to gather a variety of information from the Council.

Introduction of Director of Development ♦ The Provost introduced Jay Nussel to the Council. Nussel gave an overview of the capital campaign. Being new to the University, he feels he has a different perspective of the University and doesn't think of us as being "just Flint." He informed the Council of what Development does, what's available, what has been done, needs to be done and will be done. Nussel believes UM-Flint has a lot of untapped potential and he is excited to tap into it.

Approval of Minutes – September 6, 2016 ♦ The Minutes of September 6, 2016 were approved as written.

Distance Learning Discussion ♦ The Provost handed out materials related to distance learning and asked the council to review the documents and be ready to discuss at the next Council of Deans meeting.

HLC Project ♦ Senior Vice Provost Lotfi gave a quick update on the status of the HLC Project. He informed the council that a volunteer call has gone out. Although some volunteers have come forward, more faculty are needed on the committee.

Senior Vice Provost Lotfi handed out the research grant application and asked the Council to review the form and submit any suggestions/revisions by Friday, September 23rd.

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Reminder

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on
Tuesday, October 4, from **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**,
in the **Shiawassee Room**.