

Leadership Forum April 24, 2012

President

President Schwaller reminded everyone of the upcoming Loughheed-Kofoed Arts Festival and all its accompanying events.

Regarding Shared Services, President Schwaller is working with Dr. Jim Samels of The Education Alliance and President Joe Kennedy of Canton to ready the report to be delivered to the SUNY Board of Trustees in July. Maintaining the integrity of each campus, while exploring how programs at each might enhance programs at the other, is one of the goals. These are long-term conversations starting with the presidents, which will soon move to conversations with the faculty.

The Chancellor is insistent that the new Business Affairs VP/CFO be a joint position with Canton. We have seen three strong candidates in Potsdam who have now been asked to visit Canton. It is anticipated that the new CFO will serve only Potsdam for the first year.

Regarding the budget, he expressed that he was fairly confident that the 2012-13 budget allocation would be more or less the same as the 2011-12 budget allocation. There are two variables in the budget situation: 1) what amount we will be able to carry over from this year to next year, and 2) what we've counted on in the past to fill holes has been used to meet this year's shortfall and is no longer available (i.e., utility savings, \$1m contingency).

Provost

Dr. Madden reported on the very successful Middle States visit and commented that the high number of commendations was very unusual in her experience. She also commended the 2012 Learning and Research Fair and announced that the 2014-15 academic calendar was now available on the web site.

VP Business Affairs

Mike Lewis reported that his staff was working on the budget for next year which starts with calculating our enrollment numbers. Mike described the process of setting up the budget for the coming year and said that all OTPS, PSR and temp service will roll forward. The first annual consolidated financial report is now available on-line.

Physical Plant

Tony DiTullio reported on capital projects being done across the campus. (See separate PDF document for details.)

Web Redesign

Deb Dudley described the massive undertaking that is the redesign of the College web site. This will include new technologies and a new content management tool. The redesign is happening now in part because of the Campaign. Last week several focus groups were held. One area that continually comes up as an issue is the web's search engine. Their goals include a better on-line catalog, and making the web more mobile friendly. January 2013 is the projected date for the launch of the redesign.