Provost Cabinet Minutes, 11/20/15

1. Sabbaticals:
   Group reviewed timeline, internal processes, and budget.

2. Searches:
   Confirmed the internal process to verify applicant pool diversity. Deans will work with
   search committees; H.R. to check pool diversity before initial phone interviews; Review
   before candidates are brought to campus. Discussed projected budget needed for moving
   expenses and startup funds. We will continue to follow up on these and other issues related
   to searches regularly.

3. Presidential Scholars:
   Associate Provost confirmed process for paperwork for stipends for Presidential Scholars
   project supervisors.

4. Branch Campus Application:
   We are exploring application for Branch Campus status for the Watertown Extension Center.

5. Distinguished faculty ranks:
   Please nominate qualified faculty for these appointments. Discussed exploring simplification
   of all campus processes for awards.

6. Kwanzaa Ball:
   Students are seeking additional financial support from the Kwanzaa Ball. Each individual
   division is offering their support.

7. Drescher:
   There will probably be another round of Drescher applications due this spring for fall
   semester leave. It is recommended that individuals applying speak early on with Laura
   Rhoads who has served on the SUNY-wide review board.

8. High School Completion Proposal:
   Discussed a proposal to implement a high school completion/early college program. We
   support exploring this option but feel that details and issues surrounding implementation
   need to be clarified. Additionally, involved and affected constituencies will be consulted.

9. Art Collection:
   We are looking at structure and relationships between The Art Museum and the campus.

10. Retreat for break:
    Planning a retreat in early January to address topics requiring more in-depth conversation.

11. Good News:
    Please submit good news for the College Council updates.
12. Applied Learning SUNY Report:
   SUNY is requiring each campus to submit a report regarding Applied Learning. To gather data required for this report, department chairs will be asked to complete a survey which answers questions about courses on our campus.

13. Moodle:
   The Moodle disruption this week was caused by hardware breakdown. This has been addressed and Moodle has been transferred to the new server.

14. Release Time:
   The group would like to look at release time across faculty appointments in order to improve consistency as well as communication with deans and dept. chairs regarding alternate faculty appointments.

15. Tabled until next meeting:
   - Untenured faculty meeting
   - Undergrad Teaching Assistant policies
   - Budget process
   - Web updates
   - PE credits policy