Provost’s Council, 08/10/11


1. The minutes of the 8.3.11 Provost’s Council were approved as submitted.
2. BOG Degree Discussion: Ms. Benny noted that the Deans have submitted their suggested courses for General Studies from their respective colleges. Faculty should be involved in the determination of the concentrations. There are some concerns based on the quantity of courses submitted by some colleges. The list must be as concise as possible and not be burdened by some of the proscriptions identified on college lists submitted such as consent of the department, especially for students new to the environment. Ms. Benny stated that the President wants the concept presented to the Board of Trustees at the September 11, 2011 Board meeting.

Dr. Kanis asked if a university-wide committee could/should be established to: [1] narrow the course lists to a manageable size and [2] ensure preparedness for the Board of Trustees meeting.

Ms. Benny distributed the draft of the letter to be sent to the BOG students and stated that the labels are to be printed on today so that the letters can go out ASAP.

3. Ms. Cheri Sydney came to the meeting to expound on the email message that she sent this morning regarding dropping students. She explained that she will disaggregate the list by college and major and return them to the Deans. Ms. Sidney agreed with Deans that calls should be made to the involved students to apprize them of the need to make payments before they can register.

4. Dr. Westbrooks joined the meeting [Legislative Audit Commission convened today] and reminded the group that the Board of Trustees does not have to approve the General Studies change and that the letters to BOG students must go out quickly! She reminded the Deans that they must have input from their faculty on General Studies. Regarding the addition of new concentrations, the Provost reminded attendees that the current concentrations were born of the mission statement and have already received presidential approval. Additional concentrations may be added in the future. She also reminded the
group that all new students will have a hold on their name if they have not completed the Sexual Assault Prevention Training.

August 17, 2011: No Provost’s Council next week.

August 24, 2011: Celebration of Ms. Robin Benny’s Retirement after 20 years!

Respectfully submitted by Beverly M. John