



**Provost's Council: FULL
Meeting Notes – February 16, 2016**

ATTENDEES	Susan Bigler, Graham Benton, Jim Burns, Julie Chisholm, Mike Kazek, Marc McGee, Gary Moser, Donna Nincic, Sue Opp, Sam Pecota, Michele Van Hoeck
ABSENT	Tamra Donnelly, Cynthia Fields
GUESTS	Jessica McGinley

AGENDA ITEM	
1. Planned Campus Projects ranking	
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group reviewed the list of campus projects tentatively ranked by Provost Opp. She asked for feedback on any projects that should be ranked more or less urgent, by Friday, Feb. 19. The group found it hard to judge the importance of infrastructure projects that have nothing to do with Academic Affairs
CONCLUSIONS	
2. Are we achieving Academic Affairs' SMART Goals for 2015-16?	
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSSE results workshop will be held this semester. Admissions information in Spanish has been posted online. Academic department webpages still need to be updated. Provost Opp would like to have faculty office hours posted online. Provost Opp suggests one central webpage for faculty accomplishments, linked to each academic department. A new annual event: Faculty Scholarship reception will be held April 11, 4-6 PM in Compass Room to honor faculty who have published or presented papers. Tamra Donnelly has hired to work on Academic Affairs finances and is helping with budget training for Academic Affairs personnel A consolidated data system for STCW is being developed with Tamra Donnelly's help. Student course projection tool that we tried in Fall 2015 didn't work as hoped. We hope that Smart Planner will be available for use in Fall 2016 for Spring 2017 registration.
CONCLUSIONS	
3. Changes to Senior Awards	
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of awards will be reduced to 10. Each award will be \$500. Awardees will be announced at Commencement with explanation in program. There will not be a separate Awards Ceremony.

CONCLUSIONS		
4. Update on NSSE Workshop		
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 8 Provost's Council meeting will be an NSSE workshop run by Graham Benton and Gray Moser with invited students and department chairs. • A larger meeting room will be found for the March 8 meeting. 	
CONCLUSIONS		
5. Potential CFA strike in April		
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strike is set for April 13-15 (last week of classes) and April 18-19 (final exams). • How will this impact seniors who will lose sea time if their April 13-15 classes are cancelled? • Perhaps the Senior Capstone project presentation and Industrial Advisory Board meeting should be moved from April 14 to April 12. Sam Pecota will look into this. • Provost Opp will keep us updated on strike developments and contingency plans for holding final exams. 	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE
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