



Council of Chairs Minutes
Wednesday, January 18, 2005
12 noon - 1:30 pm
Isabella Room

1. Bill Dailey, Chair of the Academic Senate, came with the Provost to speak about the CoC resolution regarding authentic measures for teaching effectiveness. He had set up a committee with representation from the CoC and the Academic Senate as well as the Faculty Association. Michael Gilbert and Gary Dunbar are on this committee. Bill also mentioned that with the funding from the CMU Vision 2010, Priority I: Teaching and Learning (<http://www.planning.cmich.edu>), Dr. Laurie Richlin will be asked to come to campus to present and discuss the variety of methods open to faculty for evaluating teaching. Michael echoed Bill's support for Dr. Richlin, emphasizing that this is an opportunity for CMU to have the faculty listened to her presentation.
2. While the Provost was not on the agenda for any specific agenda items, he did answer several questions posed by the chairs.
 - a. There were concerns about the lateness of the weather closing on Tuesday, January 17, 2006, for CMU classes and offices. The Provost explained that while he was not directly involved in the decision making regarding weather closing, he understood that any weather closing should consider the thousands of students living in campus housing. It was noted that emails regarding the closing were sent out late. The CoC suggested that the phone notification tree should be used instead. The Provost said that he would look into this issue for the future.
 - b. Mary Senter reported that Study Abroad has an additional \$100,000 available as scholarships for CMU students interested in going abroad. The Provost confirmed this. Mary also mentioned that the Dianne DeSalvo, Office of International Education, would like to see all students interested in going abroad. These students would be given access to the study-abroad shell in blackboard. Several chairs indicated that the process for students to study abroad is cumbersome and needs to be revised.

- c. The Provost also said that he expected to receive the recommendations from Dr. Ed Whalen in February, 2006. He will share with the CoC this document and seek input from the chairs.
3. Monica pointed out the fundraising workshop announcement on February 23, 2006 from Mike Leto.

Announcements:

Future Agenda Items:

1. February 15, 2006: Follow-up on the CMU Vision 2010 and the report from the Higher Learning Commission; The Provost and Ray Christie will be speaking to the CoC about the makeup of the 4 accounts.
2. Date to be determined – chairs to be given an overview of the Responsibility Center Budgeting.” Later the Provost would share the report from Dr. Ed Whalen, and seek input from the chairs regarding the recommendations from Dr. Whalen.
3. Dianne DeSalvo will be asked to come and speak to the CoC regarding Study Abroad programs.