

Deans Council
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1. Computer Replacement

Paul Davis

The current computer replacement policy works on a four-year cycle costing \$1 million per year. It is difficult for technical staff to support everyone, in an effort to make this easier Paul Davis is asking for faculty/staff to order the same machine with standard specifications.

Dell Optiplex 755 meets all specifications and will run both Vista and XP. Some other models which seem to meet the specifications, do not run XP. The campus will be changing to Vista later this year however, for now we need to order machines that can run both. Diana Boubel is recommending VP approval for any purchases other than standard.

Paul Davis also wants to meet with the deans this semester to find out their needs from ITS.

2. TSI Status/Math Placement

Dr. Duben is trying to resolve some of the confusion with incoming freshman with regard to the math class they require. Currently the TAKS test completed in eleventh grade can make students TSI complete however, they may still need to take remedial math if their SAT scores are not high enough.

It was agreed this information needs to get out to parents before orientation. Dr. Berry asked how other universities handle this.

It was agreed this would be discussed in more detail at the next meeting with Monique Cossich and Debbie Kiesel.

3. Graduate Office

Dr. Wheeler has retired as Graduate Dean, effective January 31, 2009 and will be on administrative leave for all of January. Dr. Barringer will handle all MIS issues and a new/interim Graduate Dean will be named in the next few days. For the present time all paperwork should continue to be routed through the Graduate Office.

4. Board Meeting

The Board Meeting will be held January 26th and 27th, Dr. Berry will give a report on the progress of the Strategic Plan, if the deans have any items, they should email Dr. Berry.

A historical marker will be unveiled in the plaza after the meeting on 27th and ground breaking of the new nursing building will happen on 26th.

5. **Any Other Business**

Dr. Himes will be talking at the Rotary Club luncheon on January 28 and invited the deans to attend.

Dr. Murphy announced they have a visiting scholar from Slovakia in the College of Liberal and Applied Arts.

Three candidates for the Dean of Forestry and Agriculture will be visiting campus in February.

6. **Date of Next Meeting**

Academic Affairs Council – February 11, 2009.