

AP Committee Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2010

Present: J. Rademaker, K. Stoetzner, D. Laughlin, B. Cole, M. Parris-Bingle, B. Wallace, G. Decker, C. Hendree, D. Feenstra, S. Richardson

Guest Speaker: President Haas

- General comments about 50yr celebration, breaking ground for the new Library, outlay for new Science building, and the Seidman College of Business building.
- Strategic plan is working well, becoming a more independent university rather than public. Faculty and Staff are responding well to our needs, he is pleased with the cooperation in salary and benefits.
- New governor says he believes in performance-based budgeting, Haas will be happy with outcome-based dollars. A bit unknown how new leadership will affect us, but not worried.
- State employee insurance: Haas doesn't think this idea will affect us, we've already fallen in line with Dillon's plan of "80-20".
- New Science building: \$30 million capital outlay, we will receive approx \$22 million. Has to be appropriated first, looking at a \$40-\$50 million dollar building. Best case scenario is it would be open 2015.
- Master Plan: Library #1, Science and Seidman #2, Performing Arts building on the Master Plan as well.
- New buildings and Salary freezes come from two different budgets, operating costs vs. building and maintenance. No crossover between the two.
- With MSU and Ferris coming to "Medical Hill", we will retain our reputation of being a hometown school with high quality degrees. We can not compete with their money, but we can compete with quality. We will seek out collaborations, but not redundancy.
- Programs on the horizon: Health Sciences, Engineering in Medical devices, Philanthropy, Sustainability, Interdisciplinary Studies, Program design with Comm. Colleges, K-12 programs, alternative education, graduate work in Engineering and Health Sciences.
- No advantage to moving to an R1 facility or Division I sporting school. Continue to enable faculty to work on scholarly activity – we are a comprehensive university and still maturing as such.
- Collaborations with MSU beyond medical stuff – water research. More collaborations with Comm. Colleges to bring students in.
- Looking at 9 county project along US131, 31 corridor. Initiative for Talent 2025.
- International relationships usually begin with individual friendships or research partnerships. Very important for our faculty and students.
- Seidman timetable: March-April 2011 take down old building, operational Aug 2013.
- 80 thousand alumni, 50 thousand here in West Michigan.
- President Haas stated that he is very proud to be with GVSU.

Luncheon

- Speaker confirmed: Dr. Damon Arnold – Director Student Services for Laker Athletics. Motivational Speaker.
- Changed the date from Thursday to Tuesday, April 26, 2011.

General notes

- No representative from Group 2 on the PD Committee. Brian Cole will be the “heavy” to find someone.
- Group 6 has Kate VanDerKolk sitting on the PD Committee.
- Question posed about creating avenues for AP’s to get to know one another. Suggestions included the Excellence Series, Seminars, AP mixers, service opportunities, tours of other departments, and exercise classes.