Announcements

- Donna White is Interim Dean of Graduate School, from Modern Dance
- Michael Hardman will be Chief Global Officer, this is not a Vice President position.
- Update on Senior Vice President search - Restarting the search.
- University Embassy to be built at old LDS Business College on So. Temple St.
- Graduation Exercise Changes (focus on students) Commencement exercise Thursday night and Convocation Friday at 4:30 in the Huntsman Center. Please plan something for your graduates before. You may use the Catmull gallery for those events. This will push the dinner for those receiving honorary doctorates to Wed. The focus for this will be more on the students.
- ASEE/US News Data ($81.5M research expenditures) ASEE numbers have been turned in. Thank you to all those who helped get their department numbers in.
- TA Orientation (Professionalism) January: Jan 9 - Wed. 1:00-2:30, Jan 10 – Thur. 4:00-5:30 - L104 WEB. We should take attendance to know who is attending.
- Graduate Application Fee lowered to $0 for domestic Engineering Ph.D. students, $10 for domestic MS students. Next year, with adequate time, we need to advertise this aggressively.

Calendar

- Grad Recruiting Visit Feb 22-24, 2013 - Monica has met wit the graduate coordinators and has things well planned and underway.

Discussion Items

1. Engineering and Entrepreneur Certificate proposal (handout). We have been asked by the Business school to participate in this program. They're trying to start an Entrepreneur certificate which would be open to any students at the university. It is an 18 credit hr. certificate. The Dean asked the Dept. chairs if they feel it would be accepted by their freshman students? Concerns are number of credits (state does not want to see a large number of credits for a BS), transfer students couldn’t really participate, bio has a program like this at the masters level and this could compete with that program. General consensus is that it would not work well for our college.

2. University’s involvement in Songdo Global University - Dean & Patrick Tresco went to Korea. The Korean government decided to build a global university. They have spent 500 million dollars and built a very impressive physical infrastructure. They are working with four universities, of which Univ. of Utah is one. At this point, the emphasis is on undergraduate degrees. They are interested in our Bioengineering degree. Everything about the design is state of the art. They want to have an international university where English is the instructional language for the benefit of their youth who will go to graduate school abroad.
The challenge of starting a biomedical program is quite daunting. The Songdo students would spend 2 years there and 2 years on U of U campus. The Korean government seems dedicated to making it successful.

3. Faculty reporting for vacation, sick time and consulting - We have the program ready now for faculty reporting to start in January. The Dean will send an email out in January. Vacation reporting is required only of 12-mo appointees, since 9-mo appointees do not have vacation days. Everyone will report sick time and consulting. Administrators will set the initial sick leave clock. We have to report sick leave in order to be able to access it if needed. Sick leave does accumulate.

4. Other Business

LDS Church has donated the old Business building on South Temple to the University of Utah. Will be used for reception type of building.

Happy Holidays!