

President's report – 12/5/2008

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Many efforts coming to completion

#### Evaluation

- 1) University Wide Eval 4 Task Force has concluded its work, and is submitting draft UE-4 to Senate today.

#### Budget issues:

- 2) Academic task force has met and forwarded recommendations for curricular efficiencies to the Provost, who is discussing with President.
- 3) President Tribble has convened a parallel task force, the Administrative Review Council, to explore efficiencies in the administrative side of the house.

Recently, the Provost convened an Academic Task Force to provide faculty an opportunity to recommend refinements to the curriculum that will size the instructional program to match available resources, still offer an exceptional educational experience, and protect faculty development opportunities and our commitment to the 4/3 teaching load.

It is equally important that we undergo a critical review of the non-academic activities of the University. Today, I am establishing an Administrative Review Council to be co-chaired by Bob Midgette, Senior Associate VP for Auxiliary Services, and Maribeth Trun, Special Assistant to the President for Policy and Strategy. The purpose of the Council is to undertake a full review of all non-academic activities and programs and to identify and recommend refinements and changes that will maximize revenue opportunities, minimize expenses, and still offer exceptional services to our students, faculty and alumni. Although state-mandated budget reductions are imposed only on the Educational and General programs, the review will include activities within Auxiliary Enterprises to take advantage of all opportunities to offset future budget reductions in E&G. (President Tribble's email to CNU community, 12/2/2008)

#### College structure

- 4) Deans Job ads online and in print at Chronicle (see email announcement by Provost Padilla, 11/30/08). Steven Breese and chair of the Arts and Humanities, and Natural/Behavioral Sciences search, respectively.

Note: The job ads explicitly draw attention to “transparency and dialogue” as a part of expectations for each Dean.

**“The dean will join an effective, hard-working, and collegial administrative team and engage a faculty governance system in a spirit of transparency and dialogue.”**

- 5) Safety: recent robberies on east campus (email 12/5/08 from Dean Kevin Hughes)
- 6) Faculty notification in case of student trauma/accidents/health: Recently a CNU student was injured in an automobile accident and later died. Faculty were only notified 3 days after the incident. Faculty need to be notified immediately, so they might support distressed students both in and out of class.