

Notes from April 25, 2008 Executive Session

1.0 ORED Program

1.1 Have a small group of IHL Members serve as a sounding board, or advisory group, to the Vice President of Research.

1.2 Suggestion was made to offer some jointly developed doctoral programs.

(Between Universities)

1.2.1 Remote sensing is a strength in the state. Several of the universities in the state have capability. This was mentioned by Kirk as a possibility.

2.0 MURA Companies

2.1 MURA Presentations...

Rotate, or stick with the same company?

Is time too long, or short ?

- Interview time was too short

2.2 Look at same companies. a year later. Mix them up with new companies.

2.3 Need more time reviewing MURA businesses.

2.4 Have a RAC member, like Peter Janak, develop an outline for MURA presenters.

2.5 Encourage members close to MSU to be "On Call" for the MURA start up companies.

2.6 Encourage MURA to use the Small Business Development Center (Sonny Fisher), or the Business School.

2.7 Invite College of Business & Industry to speak too us on how they could support start up businesses?

2.8 Interested in Kirk bringing in appropriate support functions in the University.

2.9 Post business plan of MURA companies on Website.

Have assignments in advance, post as early as possible.

3.0 Meeting Agenda

3.1 Scheduling something on a Saturday morning during football season is problematic. Don't know when the games are. Not a big issue this time around to have a Saturday morning session.

3.2 Invite Vance Watson, or new president, to fall meeting.

4.0 Charter

4.1 Suggest a sub-committee be formed to help draft a charter.

5.0 RAC Membership

- 5.1 Les Berry is going to resign because of physical limitations.
- 5.2 We need new blood on this Council.
- 5.3 Cull the people who have not been active.

6.0 Logistics

- 6.1 Meals were good. Great breakfast and lunch at the Union.
- 6.2 Need to have a bus to Old Waverly for the Friday night dinner.
- 6.3 Union was good meeting venue.
 - Whittington room on 2nd floor would certainly be a great location.
- 6.4 Liked the conference room format; not an auditorium setting.

7.0 General Comments

- 7.1 Kirk seems to get it.
- 7.2 He did a good job of addressing our concerns.
- 7.3 Evaluate Caprock at the University of Alabama.
 - Senior Living/Assisted Living Complex.
 - \$ 350 - \$400,000 Condos.
 - Walking distance to main campus.
- 7.4 Hyper links did no work properly, or easily.