Deans’ Cabinet Action Items – September 9, 2014

I. Richard Bennett (Karen) – Richard Bennett and Raj Sashti will be assisting SUNY Canton with international initiatives. Richard will be very helpful with our Chinese partnerships. Raj has had many accomplishments at his prior institution including bringing consul generals to speak on campus, arranging conferences on globalization, helping to arrange Fulbright scholars (both coming to campus and going from campus), and bringing in highly qualified students from Brazil via the Brazil Scientific Mobility Program. This is an opportunity to gain successful international experience. Richard and Raj will bring topics and ideas forward to Deans’ Cabinet for discussion. At that point it will be decided what areas, if any, these ideas will impact and who else on campus should be involved in discussion. Molly: Send Richard’s email address to the Deans.

II. Synopsis of Open SUNY Wave 2+ requirements in preparation of response to Sept. 12 deadline (Molly) – SUNY wants campuses to help carry the momentum of Open SUNY and promote and contribute to the conversation, best practices, and professional development via varying ways. They presented us with Wave 2+ options for support in which we are asked to select which option will work for us. Each option requires a different level of investment (i.e., time and resources). Options were discussed as far as what elements we want to pursue and it was decided we would start with Option A (the minimum to participate) and ramp it up if it goes well. Molly: Talk with the Online Learning Advisory Committee and draft recommendations which will be sent to Deans’ Cabinet.

III. Leveling (Molly) – The current math leveling chart and process being used is confusing to Admissions staff. Molly reached out to other SUNY technology colleges to find out what they are using; they are using a rubric. A different instrument or rubric needs to be created to make the process simpler. Mike: Work with the math faculty to develop a more simplified, single sequence flow chart. Bring draft to Deans’ Cabinet by October 1, 2014 for review.

IV. Canada Articulations (J.D. DeLong) – J.D., Karen, Erin, and Bill will be traveling to Peterborough, Ontario to meet with 4 or 5 diploma granting college representatives to develop master articulation agreements. Several programs will be brought to the table for discussion with the Canadian representatives. Deans: Let J.D. know before October 18, 2014 if there are any other programs you would like to be discussed at the meeting.

V. Middle States Periodic Report Lead Faculty (J.D. DeLong) – A faculty member is needed to head up the Middle States Periodic Report. This will entail going to conferences, keeping abreast of new standards, and identifying people who can assist him/her with the process. J.D.: Reach out to faculty who may be interested.

VI. Final Exam Schedule (Karen) – There are concerns that scheduling final exams on Friday at the end of the fall semester could lead to problems if there are weather related cancellations; Friday could serve as the make-up day for those canceled exams. The Monday–Thursday exam schedule will also be beneficial at the end of spring semester as students would be more readily available to attend functions such as the Nursing pinning ceremony, graduation rehearsal, etc. It was decided that going forward, final exams will run Monday–Thursday with Friday reserved for make-ups. Karen: Notify the Registrar’s Office of this final exam schedule change.