

Members of the Campus Community:

Academic and Student Affairs has several initiatives moving forward.

All-Faculty Assembly

Scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 9-10:15 a.m. in MCS 100, the All-Faculty Assembly will provide more information about specific topics of interest to ASU faculty (many of which are highlighted in this email).

All faculty are invited and encouraged to attend.

The Colleges have also scheduled their back-to-school meetings.

- College of Liberal and Fine Arts: August 21, 9:30 a.m., Eldon Black Recital Hall
- College of Business: August 21, 9:30 a.m., Rassman 266
- College of Education: August 21, 8:00 a.m., Carr 181
- College of Science: August 19, 9:30 a.m., Cavness 100
- College of Nursing and Allied Health: August 19, 8:00 a.m., ASU Lakehouse

Second Annual University Convocation

We will welcome the first-year class of 2009 at the second annual University Convocation on Friday, August 21, at 4:00 p.m. in the Junell Center. All faculty are asked to participate in full regalia and should arrive at 3:30 p.m.; please convene in the Auxiliary Gym. Professional staff who hold a master's or doctoral degree are also invited to participate and to wear regalia. A section will be reserved for staff members not participating in the processional.

New Faculty Orientation

ASU is privileged to welcome to campus this fall 24 new tenured and tenure-track faculty.

- Biographical sketches offer an initial introduction to the wide range of talent and expertise that will be joining our ranks (go to http://www.angelo.edu/dept/aaffairs/new_faculty_bios.html)
- New faculty will take part in a full day of orientation activities, planned jointly by the Office of the Provost and the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Research (to review their schedule, see http://www.angelo.edu/dept/aaffairs/new_faculty.html and click on "New Faculty Orientation.")
- This year we are also introducing a new program: the Partners' Orientation. Moving to and adjusting to a new city and a new university also impacts faculty partners, so this program is designed to address some of their questions and concerns (see http://www.angelo.edu/dept/aaffairs/documents/partner_invitation.pdf).

Task Force/Ad Hoc Committee Progress

Academic and Student Affairs has several ad hoc groups working on initiatives important to the recruitment and retention of and support for our students.

- A dual-credit ad hoc group is reviewing policies and procedures relating to the offering of dual-credit programs by ASU.
- The distance education task force is formulating recommendations for policies and procedures relating to the management of and presentation of our on-line coursework and our initiatives at remote sites (e.g., the Hill Country Initiative in collaboration with Texas Tech University).

- The Student Support and Retention Council has developed a first draft of a recommendation for a comprehensive approach to student advising, and it has also brought forward an initial outline for a tutoring center.
- A task force will soon be announced that will be charged with creating a seamless connection between SOAR, the First Year Experience, and academic advising.

As these groups complete their work, recommendations and action plans will be shared.

The FY 2010 Budget

After the Board of Regents, at its August 6-7 meeting, reviews and confirms ASU's budget for FY 2010, the vice presidents and Dr. Rallo will make final decisions on our budget, drawing into the discussion the budget requests and CBAs (cost benefit analyses) previously submitted for consideration. As promised during the fall 2008/spring 2009 budget workshops, we will make public the distribution of dollars in support of those requests based on final availability of funding.

Search for Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management

To date, 35 applications have been received for the position of Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management. A search committee has been formed; applications are currently under review.

Planning Updates

An ad hoc committee has submitted its recommendations for the Academic Master Plan to the Deans, who have devoted significant attention this summer to further refining those recommendations. The Plan will be ready to circulate to campus early in the fall semester.

Thanks to all of you who have been involved with the many initiatives of Academic and Student Affairs.

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