

Deans and Department Heads Meeting

October 8, 2009

UC 203-204, Nasworthy Suite

Minutes

Present: T. Bankston, T. Badgett, G. Blount, D. Carter, K. Cody, B. Davidson, S. Eoff, M. Fortin, C. Gaulden, S. Hasson, K. Heineman, K. Lambert, L. Lucksinger, B. May, L. Mayrand, K. McCoy, J. Miazga, L. Musgrove, E. Olson, J. Osterhout, T. Roden, T. Sauncy, D. Scott, J. Summerlin, S. Wilkinson.

Minutes

1. Topic: Minutes

The minutes were approved.

Responsible Party: N. Allen

Old Business

2. Topic: Final Exam for Graduating Seniors – Nancy Allen

Effectively immediately, graduating seniors will take final examinations based on the regular exam schedule. Dr. Limbaugh will send out announcement to departments.

Responsible Party: N. Allen

3. Topic: Available HEAF – Nancy Allen

There is \$225,000 available for HEAF requests. Deans are required to submit a prioritized list to N. Allen by November 2, 2009. The College of Nursing and Allied Health is excluded, but all other departments reporting to the provost may submit a request.

Responsible Party: N/A, Informational

4. Topic: Academic Master Plan – Jim Limbaugh

Jim Limbaugh opened the floor to questions and comments from the Deans and Department Heads about the Academic Master Plan.

- Might start up funds for faculty research initiatives be included under Master Goal #1 as a recruitment and retention initiative for faculty?
- Where will money come from to cover the recruitment and retention portion of the Academic Master Plan?
- As the environment changes, the Key Performance Indicators may also change.
- If the salary study shows that faculty salaries are below comparable institutions, where will money come from to raise salaries? J, Limbaugh stated that the money would have to come through growth.
- Instead of cutting income generating areas (faculty) is there another solution?
- The Academic Master Plan seems to be a STEM document. Explicit involvement of social sciences and humanities appears lacking and that departments providing such courses are relegated to service departments.

- What is the process for changing the document, including goals, KPI's, and targets? J. Limbaugh responded that the academic deans and department heads would recommend revisions and that the document would be reviewed yearly.
- ASU should be careful in marketing the programs of distinction so as not to ignore or minimize other programs. Appears to be an administration decision. J. Limbaugh explained how and why certain programs were selected. It was determined that we need to figure out how to highlight service programs.
- Is part of the problem that the Programs Of Distinction concept is integrated into the Academic Master Plan but that it is a marketing strategy?
- Goal #4, as written, focuses only on undergraduate activities. Shouldn't graduate activities be included?
- How will requiring USTD 1201 of all students impact 120 hour degree plans? N. Allen is addressing this problem and information will be shared at a later date.
- In response to a question asking for clarification of Goal #5's targets, they are designed to meet the System's requirements while recognizing ASU's mission as a teaching institution.

Round Table

Linda Lucksinger

- The Teacher Education Department's science education faculty (Dr. C. Purkiss) is working with Dr. Arsuffi, Director for the Llano River Field Station at TTU-Junction to submit a proposal for a NOAA Bay Watershed Education and Training grant for 2010-2011. The proposal is due November 13.

Brian May

- Brian extended his thanks to the members for their quick response to his call for course names and descriptions as well as for the many invitations he has received to visit graduate classes. On October 30, ASU will have a press conference in Boerne to announce new initiatives there.

Leslie Mayrand

- A SACS accrediting team will be on campus next week for the Physical Therapy program

Ed Olson

- Ed recommends a name change for the group given that it is now comprised only of academic deans and department heads.

Ken Heineman

- The Department of History will host a guest speaker October 23. Members may contact the department for more information.

Corbett Gauden

- The ACBSP accreditation team will be on campus from Sunday through Wednesday. The college will likely face some negative response.

Shirley Eoff

- Shirley shared information about the Honors Program Leadership Forum. Selected students serve as nonvoting members of community boards. To date the program has placed 25 students.

Maurice Fortin

- Maurice has sent the first e-mail announcing plans for the library renovation. He continues working on a web page that will inform the ASU community about dates, access, and other information.

John Osterhout

- The Department of Chemistry has two speakers visiting campus and will distribute details to the ASU community by e-mail.