

Academic Deans Council
September 3, 2009
Provost's Office
Minutes

Present: G. Blount, C. Gaulden, K. Lambert, J. Limbaugh, B. May,
L. Mayrand

Minutes

1. Topic: Minutes from last meeting.
Minutes were approved without changes
Responsible Party: Dr. N. Allen

Old Business

2. Topic: Instructional Enhancement Fee (IEF)—J. Limbaugh
A common description for academic advisors will be provided to colleges that will be modified by the respective colleges.
Responsible Party: N/A, Informational
3. Topic: Meeting with Faculty Senate President—J. Limbaugh
J. Limbaugh briefed the Deans Council on his meeting with Toni Sauncy, president of the Faculty Senate.
Responsible Party: N/A, Informational
4. Topic: Academic Master Plan—J. Limbaugh
The Academic Plan is nearing completion. J. Limbaugh is in the process of cross referencing the plan with the TTU plan and the strategic plan. Once completed the plan will be presented to appropriate groups on campus.
Responsible Party: N/A, Informational

New Business

5. Topic: 12th credit hour reports – J. Limbaugh
J. Limbaugh shared a report requested by the Board of Regents (BOR), and generated by Information Technology and Institutional Research. The report will be presented to the Vice Chancellor. J. Limbaugh will forward an electronic copy of the report to the Deans. Classes that are down are the courses that generate the least amount of revenue.
Responsible Party: J. Limbaugh
6. Topic: Deans Retreat – J. Limbaugh
J. Limbaugh issued a reminder about the upcoming Deans Retreat that will be held on Tuesday and half day on Wednesday.

Responsible Party: N/A, Informational

7. Topic: Cultural Competency – J. Limbaugh

The University Curriculum Committee approved the Cultural Competency degree. The program has received national attention and exciting opportunities may be available to ASU. Possibilities exist for providing degrees in borderland security, intelligence, cultural studies, and language studies. Funding is available through the Department of Defense as is the opportunity for internships. J.

Responsible Party: J. Limbaugh

8. Enrollment Management Search – J. Limbaugh

The search continues and the list has been trimmed to 12 people.

Responsible Party: N/A, Informational

9. The Center for Community Wellness Engagement and Development (WED) – L. Mayrand

Plans for the WED Center are going well. The lease for the property will be signed later today, and the move into the center will begin soon. L. Mayrand stated that she will then start developing an advisory board.

Responsible Party: N/A, Informational

10. Topic: Hill Country Update – B. May

B. May will soon meet with John Opperman, TTU, to report on the Hill Country. Boerne is now included in the Hill Country. He will then be working with New Braunfels to initiate a program. Dr. Rallo will also meet with Boerne representatives this week. B. May will be holding a workshop this fall to familiarize the faculty with the Hill Country, and current Hill Country faculty will be present to provide insight and answer questions.

We need to have an integrated approach developed by the end of the year so that the program will be in place by the time the new provost will come on board.

J. Limbaugh and B. May agreed they want to initiate the “windshield fee” of a \$1,500 stipend to compensate faculty traveling on a Saturday to teach. The \$1,500 would be per class up to two classes, providing the faculty make at least three trips. L. Mayrand and B. May will finalize the proposal and report back.

Responsible Party: N/A, Informational

11. Topic: Nancy Allen’s new responsibilities and changing responsibilities – J. Limbaugh

In the proposed organizational chart, the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education has responsibilities for Core Curriculum, Center for Academic Excellence, among others. This change will allow Nancy Allen, as interim, to

build the role to hand off to the new VP. Certain projects may be reassigned to allow N. Allen time to address her new responsibilities.

Responsible Party: N/A, Informational

12. Topic: Textbook – L. Mayrand

Because of a problem with the bookstore, over 50% of the nursing students are without books two weeks into the semester. L. Mayrand will meet with Greg Pecina and bookstore representatives the end of September to address concerns. Following discussion, the Deans questioned the need for a bookstore. It was suggested that the bookstore report to the faculty the number of books available prior to the first day of class. J. Limbaugh stated that he would support this requirement and L. Mayrand will bring it up at the September meeting.

Responsible Party: L. Mayrand

13. Topic: International Studies and Curriculum – K. Lambert

There is some perception that these courses are not academically rigorous and are causing academic problems. The older model has changed and has become quite popular; however, there is concern that there is no accountability, no vetting process, and no cross checking of the content or the faculty. Not all faculty members agree that International Studies is necessary at ASU. The deans questioned the program's lack of oversight and accountability. J. Limbaugh will discuss the concerns with the president.

Responsible Party: J. Limbaugh

Round Table

Grady Blount

G. Blount stated he has a meeting tomorrow morning with Andy Swift of the Wind Institute in Lubbock.

James Limbaugh

Joe Munoz has been given the charge of preparing ASU for HSI status. The Board of Regents expects a status report in October. Obtaining HSI status also raises concerns about the budget to make sure we're in compliance and able to prove we can sustain the level of service we must provide. Money has been set aside to hire the nationally known HSI consultant that TTU employed.

Adjournment