

Academic Deans' Council
October 22, 2009
Provost's Office
Minutes

Present: N. Allen, B. May, L. Mayrand, J. Miazga

Minutes:

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

Old Business

2. Topic: Orientation/FYE (Nancy Allen)
The Council discussed decentralization of summer orientation and its new focus, effective summer 2010, on academic advising and orientation. The members supported using the model developed over the past two summers by the College of Education, which advises and registers students in a single location. Other recommendations include running separate tracks for parents and students and redesigning activities and their scheduling to make the best use of the students' and families' time on campus. The deans will participate in upcoming discussions with Enrollment Management to design and implement the new plans.
Responsible Party: N. Allen
3. Topic: Core Curriculum (Nancy Allen)
The Council discussed the following issues affecting the core:
 - a. Immediate need for assessment of the core; and
 - b. Immediate need for the Core Curriculum Committee to review the core to standardize the number of hours as well as to establish policy about courses constituting the core and policy about addressing Coordinating Board mandates about competencies.With the unanimous agreement of the membership present, Nancy Allen will call a meeting of the Core Curriculum Committee as soon as possible to address these issues.
Responsible Party: N. Allen and Core Curriculum Committee

New Business

4. Topic: Consulting Fee (Brian May)
The Council unanimously agreed that the university supports faculty members' efforts on behalf of their respective departments, but reimburses faculty members only for preapproved, standard per diem expenses associated with exploring options for "growing" department programs, including those off site.
Responsible Party: Deans

Round Table

No items were presented.

Adjournment