Academic Deans’ Council
March 26, 2015
Provost’s Conference Room
Minutes

Present: N. Allen, H. Braden, C. Jones, S. Keith, L. Mayrand, J. Miazga, P. Swets,
D. Topliff, S. Tomlin, J. Wegner, A. Williams

Minutes:

1. Topic: Minutes
Minutes were approved as written.
Responsible Party: N. Allen

Guest:
2. Topic: University Advancement (Jaime Aiken)
   • ASU will participate in “San Angelo Gives,” a powerful 24-hour online fundraising event
     hosted by the San Angelo Area Foundation. All contributions made on May 5th through
     https://sanangelogives.org/ are eligible for a prorated match amplifying each donation to
     ASU.
   • L. Calvert, vice chancellor of institutional advancement for the TTU System, is
     implementing a philanthropic impact study to help provide new insights and pathways to
     expanding the TTUS’s philanthropic pipeline.
   • The Scholarship Dinner is April 16. Members are expected to attend and to work with
     department chairs to make sure students attend the event.

Announcements:

3. Topic: Announcements (Don Topliff)
The Committee on Academic and Workforce Success (CAWS) approved ASU’s
proposal for the BSCE degree at its latest meeting. The full CB committee will
consider the proposal April 23.
Responsible Party: N/A; Informational

Old Business:

4. Topic: Evaluation of Administrators (Don Topliff)
Idea forms for the evaluation of administrators have been distributed.
Responsible Party: N/A; Informational

5. Topic: OP 06.23 (Don Topliff)
The draft of OP 06.23 will be reviewed by representatives from the deans and
department chairs and Faculty Senate to finalize document based on
recommendations from the deans and department chairs. Recommendations from
members identifying chairs in their respective colleges are due Monday, March 31.
Responsible Party: N/A; Informational

6. Topic: TCCN System Update (Don Topliff)
To facilitate the transition to the TCCN system, department chairs should submit
revisions through the deans to the Office of the Provost (Nancy Allen or Brenda
Stewart). Revisions should be submitted as soon as possible, but members should do
so no later than April 15. Revisions should be in place by the first New Student Orientation (NSO). Current students’ will be addressed before the beginning of the fall semester. Additionally, upper division courses are not affected by TCCN, and all prefixes will be changed to reflect TCCN.

    Responsible Party: Deans

7. Topic: Budget (Don Topliff)
    D. Topliff distributed the schedule for budget development.
    Responsible Party: N/A; Informational

8. Topic: Dual Credit Update (Don Topliff)
    Abilene ISD will participate in the dual credit initiative. The most recent estimates identify the potential for approximately 25,000 additional sch’s this fall and 1700 high school students participating.

9. Topic: Legislative Update (Don Topliff)
    - ASU’s TRB request looks positive with an expectation of approximately 80 to 85% of requested funding likely.
    - ASU’s special item request appears in Article III of the funding bill, a positive circumstance.
    - ASU is likely to be down in formula funding because of lack of growth.
    - Discussion is taking place about identifying some funding to offset the cost of Hazelwood.

New Business

No items were presented.

Roundtable

Sharynn Tomlin
    - A reception for Dr. Jones is today at 5:00 p.m. at the Legrand Alumni Center.

Paul Swets
    - The WTMA Distinguished Lectureship in Science Honoring Dr. Roy E. Moon is March 30-31 highlighting keynote speaker Dr. Bell Burnell, visiting professor of astrophysics at Oxford University.

John Miazga
    - A new statewide evaluation system for faculty and administrators, grades k-12, is being implemented.

John Wegner
    - The Freshman College has identified a pilot project that will link five signature courses to core courses.
    - Honors students will be exempt from Signature courses.
Leslie Mayrand

- The on-site visit by the ACEN graduate program accreditation team is now scheduled for March 31-April 2.

Adjournment