

Academic Deans' Council
January 29, 2015
Provost's Conference Room
Minutes

Present: N. Allen, S. Keith, L. Mayrand, P. Swets, D. Topliff, S. Tomlin, J. Wegner,
A. Williams

Minutes:

1. Topic: Minutes from January 22, 2015.
Minutes were approved without changes.
Responsible Party: N. Allen

Announcements:

2. Topic: Announcements (Don Topliff)
 - All syllabi and vitae have been submitted to meet State-mandated compliance with TEC 51.974 and OP 06.14. The efforts by faculty and administrators to meet the deadline is appreciated.
 - C. Parks continues scheduling meetings with individual departments.
 - J. Wegner reported that E. Girsch has been hired as the Coordinator of SI and the Tutoring Center in the Freshman College. J. Hernandez has been offered the position of advisor.
 - The university continues to sign MOU's with participating school districts. Discussions are underway about possible in-service activities for participating high school teachers on campus this summer.

Responsible Party: N/A; Informational

Old Business:

3. Topic: Class Schedule (Don Topliff)
Members briefly outlined the course build timetable for the 2015 summer and fall semesters.
Responsible Party: N/A; Informational

4. Topic: Hazelwood Decision (Don Topliff)
Although the Texas court has said Hazelwood funding may not be denied to an individual who enrolled while living out of state but has since moved to Texas, the prevailing view is that the State will seek a stay of the ruling. The impact of the ruling is significant economically, thus adding to the problems associated with this entitlement.
Responsible Party: N/A; Informational

New Business

5. Topic: Senate Finance Testimony (Don Topliff)

ASU appearance before the Senate Higher Education Finance Committee is February 12. Among the highlights will be the impact of Signature courses on fall to spring enrollment.

Responsible Party: N/A; Informational

6. Topic: Retention Data (Don Topliff)

D. Topliff distributed retention data that members briefly discussed. Analysis of the data is forthcoming.

Responsible Party: N/A, Informational

Roundtable

Sharynn Tomlin

- Colonel Staha was highly complimentary about the ROTC detachment during his visit January 28. Lt. Col. Matos' replacement will arrive soon.

John Wegner

- Visits with departments and faculty about Signature courses are ongoing.

Paul Swets

- The 19th Annual Writers Conference in Honor of Elper Kelton is today. Thursday, January 29. The featured speaker, Dan Chaon, will participate in events at 9:30 this morning and 7:00 this evening.
- An issue has arisen over how to address grades for transfer students who are core complete but have earned a "D" in one or more of the courses. This topic will appear on the agenda for the February 5 meeting.

Alaric Williams

- The invitation to nominate faculty for the President's Awards will be distributed today with a submission deadline identified as March 13.