

**Academic Deans' Council**  
**April 30, 2015**  
**Provost's Conference Room**  
**Minutes**

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

**Minutes:**

1. Topic: Minutes

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

**Guest:**

2. Topic: Online Evaluations (Crystal Braden)

The pilot project during the 2014 Fall semester is over. Approximately, 1/3 of faculty completed evaluations online. The next step is to consider moving fully online for student evaluations. Doing so will mean some cost savings and some savings in manpower. Student response rates seem the same for online and paper forms. Additionally, online surveys are available in 10 days. IDEA also has a free real time evaluation available at different times during the semester only to the instructor. The Faculty Senate will discuss the electronic form and discussion will continue before determining to move only to online evaluation forms.

**Old Business:**

3. Topic: New Student Orientation (NSO) Update (John Wegner)

J. Wegner is meeting with deans and professional advisers to address advising issues related to NSO. Members also discussed possible restrictions placed on students admitted through the file review process and opening Grades First for use by faculty members.

Responsible Party: J. Wegner

4. Topic: GS 1181 Update (John Wegner)

Faculty training sessions have gone well. Three remain, scheduled for May 14, 18, and 20.

Responsible Party: N/A; Informational

5. Topic: Transfer Hours (Don Topliff)

State rules say that no university can be forced to accept more than 66 hours of transfer work. The university is at a disadvantage by adhering to the 66 hours. D. Topliff requested deans talk to their respective departments about increasing the number of accepted transfer hours. An issue to consider is the residency requirement that is part of all degree plans. D. Topliff also asked members to consider a query about a possible agreement between ASU and a foreign institution for a graduate degree comprised of

18 hours from the foreign institution and 18 hours from ASU with ASU conferring the degree.

Responsible Party: Deans

6. Topic: Dual Credit (Don Topliff)

D. Topliff briefly discussed the dual credit initiative, including a reference to current a current issue being addressed.

Responsible Party: N/A; Informational

**New Business**

No items were identified.

**Roundtable**

Sharynn Tomlin

- Noted benefit of sharing admission changes.

John Wegner

- At ASU's Undergraduate Research Symposium, 41 students presented 38 posters.
- Two first-year research grants have been approved for fall 2015.

John Miazga

- The Department of Teacher Education has completed two faculty searches. Selected candidates have indicated their acceptance.

Paul Swets

- The Department of Visual and Performing Arts has identified a new chair.
- J. Klingemann will serve as interim chair of the Department of Communication and Mass Media. A new search will begin fall 2015.

Don Topliff

- Deans' evaluations will be distributed soon.

**Adjournment**