

Deans and Department Chairs/Heads Meeting

March 26, 2015

UC 203/204

Minutes

Present: N. Allen, T. Badgett, J. Barbour, D. Bixler, H. Braden, S. Eoff, J. Forbes, M. Fortin, W. Gabbert, R. Hall, K. Havlak, C. Jones, C. Jones, S. Keith, J. Klingemann, L. Lucksinger, P. Matos, L. Mayrand, J. Miazga, L. Musgrove, J. Osterhout, M. Pace, C. Pier, M. Salisbury, J. Smith, S. Snowden, J. Summerlin, P. Swets, S. Tomlin, D. Topliff, S. Weise, J. Wegner, R. Wilke, W. Wolfe

Minutes

1. Topic: Minutes

The minutes were approved with no changes.

Responsible Party: N. Allen

Introduction

Dr. Clifton Jones, new dean of the College of Business, was introduced to members.

Old Business

2. Topic: Administrator Evaluations (Don Topliff)

Evaluations for department chairs and college deans have been distributed and are due April 7. D. Topliff asked members to encourage their faculty to complete and submit the evaluations.

Responsible Party: N/A, Informational

4. Topic: Department Meetings (Don Topliff)

Meetings with department chairs and faculty continue. These meetings will be annual ones. D. Topliff asked members to reemphasize to faculty his open-door policy.

Responsible Party: N/A, Informational

5. Topic: Dual Credit Update (Don Topliff)

The dual credit initiative continues with approximately 1,500 to 1,700 high school students currently expected to be enrolled fall 2015. The financial benefit to ASU is significant with an estimated ¾ million dollars generated by 25,000 sch's and approximately 3 million in designated tuition..

Responsible Party: N/A, Informational

6. Topic: Texas Common Course Numbering (TCCN) system (Don Topliff)

D. Topliff requested members submit TCCN information about their respective department courses no later than April 15.

Responsible Party: Department Chairs

7. Topic: Legislative Updates (Don Topliff)

- CAWS approved the BSCE on March 25.
- House and Senate committees have passed out TRB's, including ASU's request.
- Movement is positive on ASU's special item request.
- Formula funding is likely to be less.
- The legislature continues to address Hazelwood with the possibility of some funding from the state. ASU's cost is approximately 2 million annually.

J. Barbour raised issue of SB 11. D. Topliff noted that the TTUS and ASU will need to address the issue should the legislation pass.

New Business

8. Topic: OP 06.23 (Don Topliff)

A committee of representatives from this body and the Faculty Senate has been identified and will meet to recommend a final draft to the department chairs. Faculty applying for tenure and promotion fall 2015 will follow the current posted policy.

Responsible Party: N/A; Informational

9. Topic: Summer School Salaries (Don Topliff)

Members briefly discussed issues related to faculty salaries for summer sessions. Discussions will continue during the 2015-16 academic year.

Responsible Party: N/A; Informational

Round Table

Meghan Pace

- The Passport Office received a perfect score from the US State Department.

Linda Lucksinger

- The Department of Teacher Education has extended an offer on one of three advertised positions. The department is making progress on the other two.

Wrennah Gabbert

- The Nursing accreditation team will be on campus next week.

Shirley Eoff

- Nomination packets are due by 5:00 p.m. April 6 for the Distinguished Student Awards, including the Presidential Award.

Laurence Musgrove

- Lamar University Press has published Terry Dalrymple's new collection of short fiction, *Love Stories (Sort of)*, from which Musgrove read a selection.

Jack Barbour

- A panel on Enhanced Interrogation is scheduled for Monday at 7:30.

Mike Salisbury

- Cody Scott and James Ward have received a \$116,000 grant from Shell Oil.

John Klingemann

- The Department of History has been awarded a three-year NEH grant to preserve the experiences of West Texas military veterans and their families from WWI to the present.

Paul Swets

- The WTMA Distinguished Lectureship in Science Honoring Dr. Roy E. Moon is March 30-31. The speaker is Dr. Jocelyn Bell Burnell.