

Deans and Department Heads Meeting

October 14, 2010

UC 102-103

Minutes

Present: N. Allen, T. Badgett, T. Bankston, A. Blose, G. Blount, K. Cody, B. Davidson, G. Engdahl, S. Eoff, M. Fortin, S. Hasson, K. Heineman, K. Lambert, L. Lucksinger, L. Mayrand, K. McCoy, L. Musgrove, E. Olson, J. Osterhout, T. Roden, D. Scott, S. Snowden, J. Summerlin, P. Swets, S. Tomlin, S. Wahl, M. Walker, A. Wallace, R. Wilke

Minutes

1. Topic: Minutes

The minutes were approved with one change.

Responsible Party: N. Allen

Old Business

2. Topic: Program Assessment

A committee has been formed and they have developed a student learning outcomes assessment plan. Student assessment is necessary for SACS approval. SACS does not mandate what qualifies as success through assessment. That is left up to the individual department.

One suggestion for a timeline was to complete a preliminary assessment at the end of the spring semester of progress on the goals that had been set for the year. Over the summer the department head compiles the data and there are preliminary objectives set at the beginning of the fall semester.

K. McCoy asked the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness to assist in modifying the assessment model in SPOL to provide consistent reports. SPOL is the best place to track the data that is provided.

A. Blose asked for a motion to approve. The vote was taken to a show of hands with 20 members for, one member opposed and three members abstaining.

Responsible Party: K. McCoy

3. Topic: Program Prioritization Process

Each college has been asked to submit their data to the Provost by Friday, October 15. The formalities will be taken care of next week. Updates will be provided at a later date.

Responsible Party: A. Blose

4. Topic: Title V Grant

ASU has been awarded a Title V Grant and designation as a Hispanic Serving Institution. A. Blose encouraged everyone to read through the grant to get a better understanding of the role that academics will play. The interaction between academic affairs and student affairs is also important to the grant. Relevant parties have been drawn together into a working group to coordinate timelines, funds, etc. to make sure there is no redundancy in how the grant is spent. The working group consists of anyone whose departments, services or entities were identified as receiving funding.

Responsible Party: A. Blose

New Business

5. Faculty/Staff Research Opportunities

Texas Tech University System inquired about where research fit into ASU given the fact that we have such a strong teaching orientation. A. Blose responded that the type of research that involves students and student projects is key to the university. He would like to see the university emphasize the opportunities for students for research.

Responsible Party: A. Blose

6. Collaboration

A. Blose pointed out to members that there are many opportunities available for collaborative efforts within the university. It is important that these efforts be approached in a professional manner.

Responsible Party: A. Blose

7. Academic Deans and Department Heads Meeting Schedule/ Provost's Visits

It has been suggested that the Deans and Department Heads meetings be moved to once a month.

A. Blose will use the other meeting times during the month to visit individual offices and departments around campus.

Responsible Party: A. Blose

Round Table

Kenneth Heineman

- The remodeling job in the History department turned out well.
- The eyes of the national academic job market are on Texas. Applicants for the position in US Military/Civil War are highly qualified with degrees from prestigious universities.

Sharyn Tomlin

- Reminder that International Education week will begin November 15. There will be a faculty luncheon meeting on Tuesday, November 16.

Grady Blount

- Faculty from the College of Sciences will be attending the first Science/Engineering Expo in Austin. ASU will have six booths set up.

Jim Summerlin

- There are currently twelve local students signed up to participate in the Texas Tech University Doctoral Program.

Russell Wilke

- A work group has been formed to figure out a shared governance structure. They will be meeting on Mondays with the Provost and everyone is invited to attend.
- He will also be meeting with the Provost to discuss policy modification for the university committee assignments. The assignments were received by the Provost's office and have been proofed by the Provost staff.

Adjournment