

Academic Deans' Council
February 16, 2017
Provost's Conference Room
Minutes

Present: C. Gascoigne, C. Jones, S. Keith, K. Livengood, J. Miazga, P. Swets, S. Tomlin, D. Topliff, J. Wegner

Minutes:

1. Topic: Minutes from February 9, 2017
Minutes approved with change.

Announcements:

- D. Topliff reminded members the Superintendents will be on campus tomorrow. J. Miazga said the Commissioner of Education will be speaking and he invited members to the lunch.

Old Business:

2. Topic: Hiring Freeze (D. Topliff)
 - D. Topliff said he talked with TTU System and we're not 100% clear on how waivers will work. System wanted to know how many will be hired by ASU for summer that are not currently on payroll. Members will be given more information as it becomes available.
 - Previously approved new positions should be posted with a start date of September 1.
3. Topic: Instructor Pay (D. Topliff)
 - D. Topliff informed members he met with the CFO and they looked at 8 scenarios between a 20% or 25% increase. Bottom line is we break even money-wise with each scenario but more good will is created by the 25% increase.
 - The increase to the 5x5 teaching load is optional but once taken cannot be changed back to the 4x4 teaching load. Those opting to change to the 5x5 will not be eligible for the merit raise, if any, for FY18.
 - There was some discussion on all new instructor positions being the 5x5 teaching load. D. Topliff noted that a one-course workload reduction may still be requested as needed.
4. Topic: OP Update (D. Topliff)
 - D. Topliff said OP 06.23 and 06.28 motions have been moved from the February Board of Regents meeting to May. He informed members of his conversation with System Legal some of their concerns.
 - OP 06.23 – revisions requested don't change content but just clarify meaning.
 - OP 06.28 – issue with the rate system. A 4th category is needed. The category suggested is "Unlikely to meet target criteria."
 - D. Topliff will create red-line versions of the OPs incorporating the changes and send them to members which should then share them with department chairs.
 - D. Topliff received a draft of the instructor policy from the Faculty Senate. It will be presented for discussion at the next meeting.

5. Topic: Budget (D. Topliff)

- D. Topliff informed members he and B. May went to Austin yesterday to meet with Staffers and Congressmen. The Senate and House are on completely different wavelengths. D. Topliff said it would be prudent to look at a 10% cut on non-institutional enhancement funds. HEAF funding will remain unchanged. The growth ASU is experiencing puts us in a much better position budget-wise and should offset some cuts if there are any.

Roundtable

John Wegner

- Proposing to change the name of the Freshman College to “Freshman College and Center for Academic Excellence.” The name change better portrays the role of what the Freshman College actually does.

Paul Swets

- Meeting with grant writers regarding the mechanical engineering HSI grant proposal.
- The new building should meet its June deadline for completion. Equipment and furnishings are already on order. A Grand Opening should be held in July.

Clifton Jones

- Brought up the parking issues on the east side of campus for “A” permit holders. “A” parking areas have diminished. It was suggested some “A/B” parking areas be changed to “A” only. There was a brief discussion.

Adjournment