

Academic Deans' Council
March 23, 2017
Provost's Conference Room
Minutes

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

Minutes:

1. Topic: Minutes from March 9, 2017
Minutes approved as is.

Announcements:

- D. Topliff told members he attended the Ellucian Live executive forum last weekend. He said what stood out the most was that we need to figure out how to improve communication with students. There was some discussion.
- ASU is in the process of renewing the Blackboard contract. A decision needs to be made for a customer relations management (CRM) platform. Currently Sales Force is used with several modules that sit on top. Ellucian also has a CRM called Lifecycle.

Old Business:

2. Topic: IE Distribution (D. Topliff)
 - D. Topliff said the transfers of funds to the Colleges were entered earlier this week.
3. Topic: OP Update and Discussion (D. Topliff)
 - D. Topliff said OPs 06.23, 06.28, and 06.29 will go to the Board of Regents in May and will be effective September 1, 2017. A final draft of the policies will be sent to members for discussion at the next meeting.
 - D. Topliff said department criteria completion doesn't have a deadline yet but as soon as the Board of Regents approves the OPs one will be set.
 - K. Livengood said the Faculty Senate has completed drafts of OPs 31.06 and 31.XX. These are the OPs for non-tenure track tenure and evaluations. The drafts will be sent to members this afternoon.
4. Topic: Budget (D. Topliff)
 - D. Topliff informed members the Senate markup was received a week ago and it is not good news. Formula funding and special items have been cut 10% which translates to a loss of \$4.5 million for ASU. Because of growth ASU will collect enough tuition to cover this loss. ASU is still hiring and will not lay off any faculty or staff.

New Business:

5. Topic: QEP Transition and Faculty Development (D. Topliff)
 - D. Topliff said ASU's QEP institution-wide faculty development initiative is Connect! and mentioned that previously we had the CITR. He informed members of a proposal to transition Connect! to Faculty Learning Commons and he will send the proposal to the deans. He said this is a very preliminary step but did share the proposal with the Faculty

Senate yesterday. There was some discussion. If the proposal is approved it should be in place before new faculty report in the fall.

6. Topic: Student Metrics (D. Topliff)

- D. Topliff distributed a customized IPEDs report he asked B. Hawkins to put together for him. The report compares ASU to five other institutions. He also shared a THECB report and said he will send it to members. He informed members the statistics will be delved into and further discussion will be held at future meeting.

Roundtable

Carolyn Gascoigne

- The Writers Conference is today. The featured writer is Anne Hillerman.

Kim Livengood

- Informed members the Faculty Senate is working on an ethics statement.

John Wegner

- Said he met with the advisors on schedule build for GradesFirst file review students. The advisors will reach out to departments for information to build schedules for specific degrees. They will attempt to reduce the amount of STEM hours as well.
- It is no longer possible to keep freshmen out of on-line courses. There are just not enough face-to-face seats available.

Clifton Jones

- Asked if high schools are going on-line at all. K. Livengood said some are trending that way. There was some discussion regarding offering how-to training for taking on-line courses.

Sharynn Tomlin

- Informed members of the MBA program recruitment effort in the smaller communities around Austin that is planned. She offered to distribute information on other programs as well.

Paul Swets

- Reminded members of the Moon Lecture March 27 featuring John Smol.

Adjournment