

Academic Deans' Council
April 6, 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 March 30, 2017
Minutes approved with correction.

Old Business:

2. Topic: China Agreement (D. Topliff)
 - D. Topliff said he should have titled this as China Discussion since there is no agreement in place. He told members that state support for Higher Education is not going to go up so there is a need to find other revenue streams. This would include growth and international programs.
 - D. Topliff gave a brief report of the trip to Missouri State University to learn of their China program and campus. They have had the China campus since 2000. There was some discussion.
3. Topic: OP Discussion (D. Topliff)
 - D. Topliff asked members to closely review OP 06.31 and 06.XX and be prepared to discuss the policies at the next meeting.
 - OP 06.29 was sent to System Legal but they have yet to send back a response.
 - D. Topliff said OPs 06.23, 06.28, and 06.29 are on the Board of Regents agenda for May. OP 06.31 and 06.XX do not need to go to the Board of Regents.
4. Topic: Budget (D. Topliff)
 - D. Topliff told members the House meets tomorrow.

New Business:

5. Topic: HEAF Projects (D. Topliff)
 - D. Topliff informed members there are several HEAF funded projects underway and several more are in the planning stages. He has a meeting with Facilities Planning and Construction to discuss prioritization of the projects. First priority will be upgrading bathrooms across campus. D. Topliff will distribute a list of all approved projects but there are no schedules set yet.

Roundtable

Sharynn Tomlin

- Informed members faculty professional development on on-line learning was given yesterday by K. Livengood and it was a great presentation.

Kim Livengood

- Informed members the Faculty Senate selected the semi-finalists for the President awards and are now working on the finalists.

Paul Swets

- Began a short discussion of Dual Credit assessment. D. Topliff informed members there is a plan in place. Assessment requirements will be communicated to the Dual Credit partners.

Susan Keith

- Informed members five faculty PIs will receive funding through the Faculty Research Enhancement Program (FREPE). The total amount allocated this year for FREPE will be approximately \$70,000. There was a short discussion on conflict of interest issues and training.

John Wegner

- Informed members there will be a GS 1181 course for international students taught by K. Jones beginning the fall semester.
- NSO numbers are down. However there was a change in the registration process that has caused some issues. Parents will receive calls to let them know their children have not actually completed registration for NSO. The numbers then should go back up.
- Dual Credit ASU students are currently having issues with the way GPA is calculated and end up headed for suspension after their first semester. A student who did not take Dual Credit by ASU but some other institution do not have the same issue. There was a short discussion and this issue will be fixed so all Dual Credit students are treated the same.
- The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is contemplating changing TSI and cut scores. There is no penalty to an institution for not following THECB rules. However the student will have issues if transferring from one institution to another.

Adjournment