

**Academic Deans' Council**  
**October 18, 2018**  
**Provost's Conference Room**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** C. Gascoigne, M. Gritter, L. Mayrand, J. Miazga, P. Swets, D. Topliff, J. Wegner

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1. Topic: Minutes from October 11, 2018.  
Minutes approved.

**Announcements**

- D. Topliff reminded members the Department of Communication and Mass Media is hosting the Apollo 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary seminar November 7-8.

**Old Business:**

2. Topic: Committees (D. Topliff)
  - D. Topliff informed members he met with the Core Curriculum Committee at their first meeting last week. The purpose of this first meeting was to get organized, elect a chair, and review the purpose of the committee, the policies and procedures to be followed, and he shared the Texas General Education Core Curriculum WebCenter website as a resource.
  - D. Topliff said the committees need to be looked at as to how they are currently structured and make sure that structure is appropriate. He will send the list of committees under Academic Affairs to members. The committee listings are also located on the Faculty Senate website.
3. Topic: Curriculum (D. Topliff)
  - D. Topliff said several questions have come up in terms of how many hours a major should have and how many upper-division hours. He said he did some research to find out where the current 42 hour upper-division requirement came from and couldn't find anything from SACS, the Coordinating Board, or the Education Code. He said it must have been an ASU decision at some point in time. D. Topliff said the upper-division hour requirement may need to be reduced or the programs with less than 42 hours need to come up with more upper-division courses to fulfill the requirement. P. Swets said his college curriculum committee will be submitting a proposal to reduce the hours from 42 to 36.
4. Topic: OPs (D. Topliff)
  - D. Topliff said OP 06.23 contradicts itself in how documents are handled and go up the chain. This OP needs to be revisited.
5. Topic: Dual Credit (D. Topliff)
  - D. Topliff reminded members of last week's discussion of the on-line dual credit program model. He said ASU approached some high schools about offering dual credit online and there is overwhelming support for it. A pilot program to offer dual credit online in the spring is being worked out. D. Topliff said staffing issues are not a factor right now, the program logistics are being worked out.
  - D. Topliff said the schools that are charged for dual credit are currently paying \$86 (Tuition A of \$50 plus \$36). Part of this fee is returned to the school to pay teacher

salaries. A proposal is going to the Board of Regents to change this fee to just the \$50 for Tuition A.

**6. Topic: Budget (D. Topliff)**

- D. Topliff informed members the expected increase in HEAF funding is proposed only and is not guaranteed to happen at this time. It will remain a proposal until the Governor signs off on it June 1, 2019. He said the State is in good shape with sales tax revenue up. D. Topliff said no requests for new positions/budget lines will be approved.

**Roundtable**

Paul Swets

- Told members the Ad Hoc committee to review OP 06.23, 06.28 and 06.31 will hold its first meeting October 30.
- Reminded members of previous discussion regarding automatic drop of students who have not met prerequisite requirements. He said he talked to the Registrar regarding this issue and they are running tests.

John Wegner

- Briefly discussed dual credit data of the last four years. The spreadsheet will be sent to members for review and to share with department chairs. He said he will be happy to come to a leadership meeting to discuss the data. J. Wegner said the department chairs need to see the data to help them schedule courses and staff needs.
- The dual credit information is also very useful to build master's programs.

Brian May

- Informed members he and D. Topliff met with the family of the spelling bee prodigy here in San Angelo. The 9-year old young man is homeschooled, has been in MENSA since he was 3-years old, and has been in the national spotlight several times and is currently on Dancing with the Stars. He has an 11-year old sister who is also in MENSA and wants to be a doctor. B. May proposed giving a Carr scholarship to the young man and to announce the scholarship and introduce the family at half-time at a football game. Members unanimously supported the President in this action.

**Adjournment**