

Academic Deans' Council
March 7, 2019
Provost's Conference Room
Minutes

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

Minutes:

1. Topic: Minutes from February 28, 2019.
Minutes approved.

Announcements

- D. Topliff informed members the Deans' Council meeting held on the first Thursday of each month will now meet with the President.
- B. May briefly discussed with members:
 - Legislative budget sessions look good for all of Higher Education. ASU HEAF funding is up, formula funding has been corrected and will be up, ASU is back to a "small school" designation because the threshold was raised to 20,000 students and appropriate additional funds associated with that designation will be given to ASU.
 - Testimony in the House and Senate resulted in several Senators pledging their support for ASU's request for funds. ASU will know in mid-May the outcome.
 - Three new Texas Tech University System Board of Regents members have been announced.

Old Business:

2. Topic: Dean Searches (D. Topliff)
 - C. Gascoigne reported the last of the three candidates invited for on-campus interviews for the Dean of the College of Education will be here tomorrow. The plan is to make a final recommendation to the Provost by March 25. Feedback on candidates should be sent to C. Gascoigne by email. D. Topliff said he wants the candidates ranked.
 - J. Wegner reported the Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities position has received 48 applications. He said eight candidates and two alternates will be interviewed by web March 22 and 23. Candidates will be brought to campus for interviews mid-April. A recommendation will be submitted the last week of April.
 - P. Swets reported receiving 31 applications for the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies and Research. Web interviews were conducted for six of the candidates and the committee is meeting tomorrow to select three candidates to bring to campus during Spring Break or as soon as possible thereafter.
3. Topic: IE and DE Funds (D. Topliff)
 - D. Topliff said C. Parks transferred the IE 2018 fall 25% release disbursement yesterday to get Colleges some money now and not wait any longer for over-realized revenue numbers to be received. He said he received the IE over-realized revenue numbers this morning. D. Topliff will make the calculations and send the spreadsheet to members. C. Parks will transfer funds as soon as possible.

- D. Topliff reminded members DE funds are mostly used for salaries. He said there are some DE funds still available and asked members to send him proposals to use those funds.
4. Topic: Curriculum Committee (D. Topliff)
 - D. Topliff told members the UCC is meeting tomorrow afternoon. He said the Core was submitted yesterday and he expects it to be approved. It will be 30 days before we hear anything on the Core.
 - D. Topliff shared with members a “shell bill” put together by Texas A&M changing the Core again. There was some discussion and general consensus this bill would make transferability worse not better. D. Topliff will send this document to members for review and comment.
 5. Topic: BAAS Degree (D. Topliff)
 - D. Topliff told members the BAAS degree is specifically targeted and only for certain areas. More discussion at a future meeting.
 6. Topic: Budget (D. Topliff)
 - D. Topliff told members B. May covered this item and he has nothing else to add.

Roundtable

Clifton Jones

- Informed members the College received three new MBA recognitions. The advertising of the MBA program on some electronic billboards here in San Angelo is being pursued.
- Told members of the JCPenney Suit-Up event Sunday, March 3 was an excellent and very successful event and more than 250 students participated.
- Informed members J. Ruthenbeck runs a clothes closet available to students to borrow from. Donations are always welcome.

Paul Swets

- Reminded members the Moon lectureship is March 26.
- Informed members the student response system (ex. Top Hat) request has been submitted.

John Wegner

- Told members the ODP process and substitution process is being worked on. He said C. Weeaks is working on the withdraw process and a pilot program will be run this summer.
- Reported the BGS group met and will present a proposal.
- Informed members 2nd-year retention plans are in process and will begin next fall.

Carolyn Gascoigne

- Reminded members of the History event tonight and the All-volunteer Force Forum March 28.

Don Topliff

- Informed members he is looking at a way to do grade appeals through Maxient. He said one advantage is the written evidence is stored in Maxient instead of by the departments or deans.

Adjournment