

Academic Deans' Council
September 26, 2019
Provost's Conference Room
Minutes

Present: C. Jones, J. Klingemann, C. Kreidler, L. Mayrand, M. Salisbury, P. Swets, S. Tomlin, D. Topliff, J. Wegner.

Minutes:

1. Topic: Minutes from September 19, 2019.
Minutes approved with correction.

Announcements

- D. Topliff informed members Rex Peebles with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board passed away September 23.
- D. Topliff said he attended a negotiated rule making meeting Tuesday regarding Senate Bill 25.
- D. Topliff said there are just a few more department faculty meetings with the President and Provost.

Old Business:

2. Topic: Transfer Enrollment (D. Topliff)
 - D. Topliff informed members he and the President were in San Antonio Monday meeting with the South and West Texas Compact. This compact consists of several community colleges and 4-year universities and has been going on for three years. ASU just learned of this compact. D. Topliff said there is a North Texas Compact that ASU is not part of but should be. He said community colleges that are part of a Compact will not speak to any university that is not also part of the Compact.
 - D. Topliff said he and the President are about to undertake trips to community colleges to promote transfer to ASU. Some locations include Oklahoma, south Kansas, Colorado, and New Mexico.
 - D. Topliff said enrollment goals will be specific from now on and a better job of marketing ASU needs to be done. He said everyone has a part to play in marketing ASU.
3. Topic: Drops (D. Topliff)
 - D. Topliff informed members he attended the Faculty Senate Meeting yesterday and a couple Faculty Senators mentioned some students don't understand what the consequences are of dropping a class. There was some discussion. There is supposed to be a 48-hour delay when a course is dropped and the faculty member should receive notice in time to talk with the student. The process is in place but not being followed exactly.
4. Topic: Core (D. Topliff)
 - D. Topliff informed members a provision to create a two-tiered Core, general education and discipline core, has been submitted. A committee to explore this idea has been created and D. Topliff is on this committee to represent the Texas Tech University System. There was some discussion. Adopting a two-tier Core will result in a large increase in excess hours for those who change majors. Studies show almost everyone changes their major at some point.
5. Topic: Class Caps Committee (D. Topliff)
 - D. Topliff said the committee met and already distributed some information. The committee will create a white sheet with information as to where we are currently at that will be distributed to everyone soon.

New Business:

6. Topic: SB 25 (D. Topliff)

- D. Topliff said Senate Bill 25 deals with filing of degree plans when a certain number of semester credit hours are reached. He attended the negotiated rule making committee meeting Tuesday for this bill. One of the issues discussed was how an institution knows when a Dual Credit student has reached 15 hours if they are taking Dual Credit from several institutions. The conclusion was each institution will only be responsible for its own students. The bill also states Institutions at which a Dual Credit student has filed a degree plan cannot allow students to register for any course not on the designated degree plan.

7. Topic: Homecoming (D. Topliff)

- D. Topliff informed members one suite has been set aside for Deans' Council members to invite donors and/or others. There are nine passes available. D. Topliff asked members to inform him of the guests and to claim the passes.

8. Topic: Budget (D. Topliff)

- D. Topliff said A. Wright is sending him the formula weights and he will then make IE fund calculations and distribute the rest of the funds to Colleges next week.

Roundtable

Paul Swets

- Shared an updated draft proposal of course inclusion and exclusion. He asked members to discuss the updated proposal with advisors and department chairs. The final version should be done before advising begins.
- Brought up a Follett Discover issue - the deadline for adoption closes two day after the spring schedule build is done.

John Klingemann

- Reminded members the visiting artist as part of the Henry Edwards Distinguished Lectureship in Art is here today, Sammy Peters.
- The Arts and Humanities Series begins in October. There are a series of roundtables with College faculty. The theme is Boundaries. The keynote speaker will be in November.

Clifton Jones

- Asked the questions: Can GS 1181 courses be held at 8:00 am Monday, Wednesday, and Friday? Can this be in addition to the 12:00-12:50 pm Monday and Wednesday? Can classes be held Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 am and/or 3:00 pm? J. Wegner said to talk to the department chairs about a shared time to offer GS 1181 courses. The scheduling of these courses should make the students choose a topic and not base the course choice on the schedule.
- Brought up the Included pilot. He said some class sections have the student purchase the textbook and some sections have the textbook included in the cost of the course. Students perceive the sections requiring the purchase of the book to be costing them more and don't understand the book is paid by the student one way or another regardless of which section they choose. There was some discussion. The student has an opt out option required by legislation. D. Topliff will get with IT and Financial Aid to discuss issues created by Included.

John Wegner

- Asked members to talk with chairs about options of time to offer GS 1181. A decision needs to be made by the middle of December to implement any changes.
- Informed members GS 1181 will not be offered the fall B term. He said fall B was for students who failed fall A but offering in fall B was not producing desired results.

Adjournment