

Academic Deans' Council
October 24, 2019
Provost's Conference Room
Minutes

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

Minutes:

1. Topic: Minutes from October 10, 2019.
Minutes approved.

Announcements

- D. Topliff informed members ASU is working with Goodfellow Air Force Base to offer classes on base. There would be two courses a week. He said they are negotiating the specific format of the classes, hybrid or face-to-face. The course taught on base would be core courses only. ASU would have an office located on the base. D. Topliff said GFAB wanted a Testing Center located on base but it is not economically feasible for ASU to do that. ASU is providing testing services at a reduced cost and billing GFAB on a monthly basis.
- S. Williams told members studies show only one in three college students know a veteran. This year Veterans Day will be celebrated with a new event, "Lunch with a Veteran". She gave to each Dean tickets to distribute to students of their choosing.

Old Business:

2. Topic: Fields of Study (D. Topliff)
 - D. Topliff pulled up the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board website page for Fields of Study. Statute requires institutions to accept all courses in a Field of Study as a block and cannot require a student to take more lower-division courses. There was some discussion. It was noted that there are not enough upper-division courses to make up the rest of the hours required to complete a degree. D. Topliff told members to look at the statute and see how it applies to their degrees.
3. Topic: SB 25 (D. Topliff)
 - D. Topliff opened the Texas Register October 18, 2019 issue webpage. Section 19 TAC §4.7 proposes new transcripts notation requirements. Transcript notations are required for students ineligible to reenroll for a reason other than academic or financial. D. Topliff said the notation will not be specific but it will be permanently on the transcript. There was some discussion.
 - Texas Register October 18, 2019 issue Subchapter T Section 19 TAC §4.340-4.347 addresses Dual Credit. D. Topliff said once a student reaches 30 hours they have one semester to file a degree plan. The responsibilities of Institutions include providing students information about the degree plan filing requirement and options for academic advising and to notify students failing to file a degree plan and not provide official transcripts to the student until a degree plan is filed. There was some discussion.
4. Topic: Class Caps Committee (D. Topliff)
 - D. Topliff said he has nothing to report. The committee is meeting tomorrow.
5. Topic: Core (D. Topliff)
 - D. Topliff said the Core Curriculum Committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow has been cancelled. No changes to the Core have been submitted.

6. Topic: Budget (D. Topliff)

- D. Topliff said all HEAF funds are going to renovate the Academic Building. He said any requests originally meant for HEAF funds should be submitted and other money will be found.

Roundtable

Crystal Kreidler

- Shared a brief report from the Vice President of Faculty Senate who attended the Texas Council of Faculty Senates meeting.
- The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met yesterday and talked about transfer students. They are requesting data on transfer students and will continue to discuss the need for online upper-division courses.

Scarlet Clouse

- Proposed adding the hooding ceremony back into Commencement. If this isn't possible the College of Education will hold their own hooding ceremony. There was some discussion. D. Topliff said the reason the hooding ceremony was removed was simply a matter of how large and how long graduation became and the President wants the event to be no more than 90 minutes long. D. Topliff asked the deans to come up with a proposal and he will then take it to the President.

John Wegner

- Informed members the drop policy is now entirely done online. Data will be run to see if the online system creates more drops than the old policy.
- Some faculty members have expressed concern the higher semester credit hour requirements each semester are putting more stress on students and causing more drops.
- GS 1181 courses are targeted to students with no college credit. Dual Credit is having an impact. It is being considered to require a statement on GS 1181 courses to state the students targeted.

Mike Salisbury

- Briefly reported the impact of out-of-state tuition charges on Graduate students. He said it takes 2.83 in-state students to pay the equivalent amount of tuition of one out-of-state student. More discussion will be held on this issue.

John Klingemann

- Informed members t-sections will be standardized for the spring semester in a pilot program. Roll out will be in the fall.
- He said the impact of removing "hidden" prerequisites and some curriculum changes have pushed the History degree to 122 hours. Working on trying to cut two hours.
- Reminded members of the active shooter training discussion with S. Spooner at Deans and Department Chairs/Heads meeting. He said S. Spooner is open to an active shooter training event to be held in each building. Anyone interested in arranging this training should contact S. Spooner or J. Klingemann.

Adjournment