

**Academic Deans' Council**  
**January 12, 2021**  
**Provost's Conference Room – Zoom Meeting**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** S. Clouse, J. Klingemann, R. McCabe, M. Salisbury, P. Swets, D. Topliff,  
J. Wegner.

**Minutes:**

1. Topic: Minutes from November 19, 2020.  
Minutes approved with typo corrections.

**Announcements**

- D. Topliff suggested members participate in the COVID-19 Antibody Status testing. The information was sent to everyone by email this morning. The testing is open to all Texas residents and test results are kept confidential. There is no cost to participate.

**Old Business:**

2. Topic: Registration Numbers (D. Topliff)
  - D. Topliff said undergraduate numbers we are down dropped from last week's 488 to 433 this week. We are making headway. He said everyone is continuing to work on this issue.
  - D. Topliff informed members ASU will receive another round of stimulus money that students may use toward tuition this time. We don't know the amount yet. Information will be sent to students this week. The funds should be able to be used for "past due" bills as well.
3. Topic: Budget (D. Topliff)
  - D. Topliff said budget process will be starting soon. We don't know what the legislature is going to do yet. We expect to have to return 5% back again. Sales tax revenue drives the budget and if the \$2,000 stimulus checks are distributed that may help sales tax revenue go up. There was an increase in sales tax revenue after the first stimulus money was distributed.
  - D. Topliff said the budget for spring is okay. Where the budget is hurt most is the auxiliary accounts such as the University Center, UREC, Athletics, and dining since students were not on campus.
  - D. Topliff said semester credit hours (SCH) are down about 3.75%. Graduate school is up. This coming fall semester we will add several new high schools offering Dual Credit.
4. Topic: Current Situation (D. Topliff)
  - D. Topliff informed members students will be coming back to campus starting next week. He said athletes are already on campus and are tested three times a week. D. Topliff said he is in close contact with County Health, Shannon, and Emergency Management. He said San Angelo is vaccinating about 1000 people a day. ASU is not the source of increases in COVID in San Angelo. Since last March ASU had 311 confirmed cases between faculty, staff, and students. No students were hospitalized, 2-3 staff were hospitalized, there have been no deaths.
  - D. Topliff informed members there will be a kiosk at the super slab for walk-up testing with results in 24-48 hours for students, faculty, and staff.
  - D. Topliff told members to plan on 75% room capacity when making the schedule for fall. He said numbers will be sent when schedule build begins.

- D. Topliff said there is no reason to be talking about putting all courses online for the spring semester. He said if faculty have concerns they may contact him. The Provost will not approve moving face-to-face courses to online. One consequence of moving a face-to-face course to online is the students will be hit with additional fees. There was a brief discussion of creating an ad hoc committee headed by the Faculty Senate to discuss the online only vs. face-to-face issue and the tenure process expectations.

### **Roundtable**

Micheal Salisbury

- Asked about procedures for activities and events on campus. The Provost said to go ahead and plan to hold events face-to-face as normal and about mid-March decisions will be made.

John Wegner

- Said Navigate is not working as hoped. May shift away from EAB. Will keep everyone posted.
- Suggested we start building year-round schedules, summer to summer. This will benefit students better than building each term at a time as done now. Proposes to start looking at this and explore possibilities.

Scarlet Clouse

- Informed member the College cancelled the annual February meeting bringing all superintendents to campus.
- Said the College is holding its first virtual practicum, a 5-week program, for Korean students starting February 1.

### **Adjournment**