

Academic Deans' Council
August 2, 2022 - Provost Conference Room
Minutes

Present: D. Bixler, S. Clouse, C. Jones, M. Salisbury, P. Swets, T. Tasker, A. Tiger,
D. Topliff.
Guest: R. Hawkins

Minutes:

1. Topic: Minutes from July 19, 2022.
Minutes approved.

Announcements

- August 25 at 1:30 pm former Congressman Mike Conaway will be on campus to talk about the upcoming farm bill. There are a lot of things included in the bill that are unrelated to farming.
- ASU is a finalist for the award of the Seal of Excelencia. Out of 500+ HSI institutions only 24 have the Seal.

President Hawkins

- Informed members at the University Assembly he will make an announcement of the new way to handle budgets. Each dean will have a funded cost center and will manage it as needed for their area.
- The West Texas Legislative Session is this week. D. Darby and C. Perry will be on campus tomorrow.
- The Commercial Aviation program partnership announcement will be made tomorrow.
- The Board of Regents meeting will be held here on campus next week.
- The football field renovation is almost done. The next project is the soccer fields and then the softball field.
- The Back-to-School night will be Thursday, August 18, at 6:00 pm in the CJ Davidson Center.
- The Texas Tech University System intends to submit a tuition increase request in November.

Old Business:

2. Topic: Blackboard (Anthology) Engagement (D. Topliff)
 - Blackboard is changing their name to Anthology.
 - The Provost said the July 26-27 meetings were postponed due to half of the attendees contracting COVID after attending a conference. The meetings will now be held next week, August 9-10. These are the kickoff meetings; more meetings will be schedule in the future.
 - The core team met yesterday to work on a draft vision statement of what online education looks like at ASU.
3. Topic: NFO and Reception (D. Topliff)
 - A revised agenda will be sent out for NFO on Monday, August 15.
 - Tuesday, August 16, the President and Mrs. Hawkins will host a reception for new faculty at the Tippet House. Deans and department chairs are invited to attend.

4. Topic: Fall Assembly (D. Topliff)
 - The Fall University Assembly will be held August 18; breakfast at 8:30 am with the program beginning at 9:00 am. An agenda will be distributed soon.
 - The Back-to-School Night will be held the same day in the CJ Davidson Center. Invitations will be sent out by the President's Office.
5. Topic: SACSCOC (D. Topliff)
 - Started the process to go through about 3000+ PDF documents. Thank you to everyone who assigned someone to help with this project. It is expected to take about two weeks.
 - The reaffirmation report will be submitted soon. Please respond quickly to any requests.
6. Topic: Budget (D. Topliff)
 - There was a short discussion regarding the cost centers mentioned by the President. The Provost told members more information will be forthcoming and there will be further discussion.
 - The Provost informed members he has been tasked with finding ways to incentivize faculty to do more research. There should be something in place in 2023 fall.

New Business:

7. Topic: Concourse and YuJa (D. Topliff)
 - The Provost sent out an email to faculty yesterday about Concourse and YuJa. So far, he has received only one response. Concourse is the program adopted to be used for a syllabus template and YuJa is a platform for using video. A committee of faculty and IT representatives reviewed the responses to a request for proposals and YuJa won.

Adjournment