

Academic Deans' Council
August 30, 2022 - Provost Conference Room
Minutes

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

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1. Topic: Minutes from August 23, 2022.
Minutes approved.

Announcements

- A case of monkeypox has been confirmed in Lubbock. There have been some inquiries about what ASU's procedures are regarding monkeypox. ASU has been in contact with Shannon about availability of vaccines. A person diagnosed with monkeypox must quarantine for two weeks.
- The President and the Chancellor have asked about ASU's approach to free speech on campus. The process to put a policy in place has begun.
- The President's Leadership Academy will be open to faculty and staff in October and then open to students in the spring.
- The Governor's Leadership Program has a deadline of September 1 to submit a candidate. This program is designed for someone with the opportunity to move up to a leadership position. The Provost asked members to submit a name to him today.

Old Business:

2. Topic: Blackboard (Anthology) Engagement (C. Jones)
 - C. Jones, S. Clouse, and T. Tasker were on a call with Anthology yesterday to discuss upcoming engagement meetings. Next set of meetings are September 14-16 and the groups for these meetings will be prearranged. C. Jones asked for help in identifying individuals in the categories specified by Anthology. Please send names to C. Jones by Thursday afternoon so invitations can be sent out before end of business that day.
3. Topic: SACSCOC (D. Topliff)
 - We are very close to the end. The reaffirmation report will be submitted September 8. Please respond quickly to any requests.
 - The off-site committee meets in November and they will have questions. The on-site committee will be here in February. The on-site committee will also visit Dual Credit sites. The report will be submitted to the SACSCOC Board next summer and a reaffirmation announcement will be made a year later.
4. Topic: Enrollment (D. Topliff)
 - The Provost said he was looking at numbers this morning. Freshman numbers are down by 34 students and 1,500 hours. Changing scholarship hour requirements from 30 to 24 contributed to these number results. The number of Seniors is down 15 students and 1533 hours. Since this is an accounting year the loss of 5000 hours will result in a loss of about \$500,000 for the next two years.
 - It may be possible to raise fees and tuition. Fees may be raised this spring but a tuition increase will not be done until the fall. For some fees to be raised will require a vote by the students and fees are specific to their use.
 - Suggestions were made to enroll Dual Credit students into double major degrees automatically and to build more integrated degrees.

5. Topic: Budget (D. Topliff)

- The Provost said that since the compensation letters were distributed there has been a lot of misinformation circulating about raises and the budget. He said there were specific pools of money available for specific categories of staff and a formula was used to calculate raises. Only the formula was used to determine raises; the President and Vice Presidents did not have a say in setting raises.
- Faculty evaluations due soon should be used to rank faculty in the event that merit raises may be awarded next fall should there be money available.

Adjournment