Academic Deans’ Council  
May 9, 2023 – Provost Conference Room  
Minutes  

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1) Topic: Minutes from March 21, 2023  
Minutes approved  

Announcements  
• Dr. Topliff discussed this Friday’s graduation ceremonies. The decision was made to have the Department Chairs lead their departments. Regent Tim Culp of Midland will attend both graduation ceremonies. There will be a walk-through on Thursday. There is the possibility of severe weather on Friday. Dr. Topliff will follow back up with members about a severe weather plan.  
• DEI Bills- one bill says universities are prohibited from funding DEI activities. The second bill says state funding cannot be used to fund an office of DEI or any DEI activities. Designated tuition is not the same as state funding. ASU is going to continue diversity and inclusion activities.  

3) Deans and Department Chairs (D. Topliff)  
• Dr. Topliff said with all the new department chairs there are, there may be an opportunity for more training for them as well as for the members. The possibility of future conflict resolution training was discussed.  
• Dr. Jones said the Deans and Department Chairs meeting with the Campus Works representative went well.  

4) Student Registration Numbers (D. Topliff)  
• Dr. Jones reported that the registration for Summer I is looking good. Per census date, undergraduate registration for Summer I is down 61 students while graduate registration is down only 10 students. Once dual credit is factored in, we’re down 29 students, or 1%. Dr. Topliff said that applications for housing are up by about 80. Point in time NSO up about 60.  
• It was discussed that summer classes with less than 8 registered students can be cancelled.  

5) Potential Raises (D. Topliff)  
• Dr. Topliff said there has been no further discussion about state employee raises.
6) Budget (D. Topliff)
   • Dr. Topliff said there will be a meeting with the President this afternoon that will offer more insight on the budget. There was a discussion on activities and their funding. The President will be having several budget meetings with the Vice Presidents.
   • Dr. Jones asked about the selected TALA (Texas Academic Leadership Academy) faculty. Dr. Topliff said that the two faculty members have been selected.
   • Dr. Jones said an Online Program Advisor and Administrative Assistant to the Dean of DLI has been hired and this office is on the second floor of the library. Dr. Jones is conducting video interviews for the Dean’s position and is hopeful to have this filled by 8/1.
   • Dr. Jones said that a search will begin for the Director of International Studies position.

Roundtable

T. Tasker
   • The new Faculty Senate Officers have been elected.
     o Drew Curtis is the President for next year with Tony Bartl is the Vice President so he will be the President the following year.

S. Clouse
   • CDLI update: Dr. Clouse visited the staff senate yesterday and was able to give staff an update on the direction of the CDLI.
   • Dr. Clouse contacted the LTAC (Learning Technology Advisory Committee) representative at THECB (Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board) who oversees our online programs. As of December, rules will be changing for Distance Learning and our programs will no longer have to go through LTAC.
   • Dr. Clouse had a meeting with eLearning about the mission and goals of the center.
   • Common Marketing is working on the CDLI webpage and logo.
   • All things faculty training should eventually run through this center.

J. Klingemann
   • The Mariachi group had their first performance last Monday with around 500 people in attendance. They will meet with Mariachi Directors from different high schools.
   • The Buffalo Soldiers exhibit is up and has had many visitors.
   • VPA had their final performance last Friday.
   • Dr. Klingemann and Dr. Flor Madero gave a talk at GAFB for National Space Day.
   • RamTV had a successful year. Chad Wilson has been hired for the program.

Adjournment