Academic Deans’ Council
September 26, 2023 - Provost’s Conference Room
Minutes


Minutes:

   Minutes approved.

Announcements

- The Provost reminded members about the current construction on the Murphey Auditorium and the Housley Bell Tower, as well as the recently completed RSOC (Regional Security Operations Center) SCIF (Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility) which will not only enable students to work toward attaining top secret clearance, but it will also function as an emergency RSOC building if necessary.

3. Topic: Enrollment (D. Topliff)
   - Enrollment numbers continue to be up. D. Topliff again reiterated to the members the importance of increased enrollment and its impact over multiple years.

4. Topic: Graduation (D. Topliff)
   - D. Topliff informed the members that details on the order of College ceremonies for the December 16, 2023, graduation have not been finalized yet. He encouraged faculty to attend. The ceremony layout was discussed among the members.

5. Topic: Provost’s Scholars Program (D. Topliff)
   - D. Topliff said the draft of the Provost’s Scholars Program proposal sent to the members by Dr. Bixler should be reviewed by the members with a plan to roll it out to faculty by mid-October.

6. Topic: Wintermester (D. Topliff)
   - D. Topliff asked the members to send him details on which faculty will be teaching wintermester courses and he said that we will not exceed the budget set for this short term.

7. Topic: International Faculty (D. Topliff)
   - D. Topliff informed members that C. Parks is out of the office for an extended period so anything that needs to be done with H-1B visas that she would usually handle will be forwarded to Tech during her absence. He will email the international faculty members who have been working with C. Parks to inform them she is out of the office and to contact him with questions.
8. Topic: IE Funds (D. Topliff)
   • D. Topliff has not viewed the 20th class day data yet since he just received it this morning. He told members that he will not have information from the CFO on over realized revenue for a few weeks.

9. Topic: Budget (D. Topliff)
   • D. Topliff reminded members that budget meetings will be coming up in October. The President will want to look at classes and at how many are short, and if we are on track to meet our budget targets for faculty salaries so members should be thinking about that.

10. Roundtable:
   P. Swets
   • There will be an annular eclipse event with a DJ and booths on October 14th starting at 11:15 am. Around 2,500 people are expected to attend in addition to the physicists who will be here on 10/13.

   S. Clouse
   • There will be a Cyber Security Community event with First Financial Bank on October 27th at the CJ Davidson from 8:00 am to noon. The focus will be on elder financial fraud.

   D. Topliff
   • Remind your faculty about completing the security training email sent by IT.
   • Deans and Department Chairs/ Heads Meeting is this Thursday.

   A. Tiger
   • Ginger Kerrick, a member of our Board of Regents, works for Barrios Technology which supports NASA. Barrios supplied the Computer Science department with data for a capstone winter project they are conducting on resupply of the space station. Regent Davis will be speaking at the eclipse event.

   M. Salisbury
   • The grand opening of the tutoring center will be coming up.
   • The math lab is available to those students who are struggling with math.

   L. Mayrand
   • There will be a camp held for ninth graders in an effort to increase the number of nursing students. There will also be a focus during NSOs on pre-nursing students.

Adjournment