

## **ACADEMIC DEANS' COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 22, 2005**

Attending: Kay Clayton, Pam Trant, Alberto Olivares, Sheryl Custer (representing Engineering), Gladys Hines, Robert Diersing, Ron Rosati, Ronn Hy, Raj Chaloo, Frank Ureno, Mike Daniel, Garry Ross, Dalton Bigbee, Gail Dantzker

### **I. Announcements/Discussion/New Business**

- A. Mary Gonzalez, Special Programs, gave an update on three areas associated with her office.
- 1) The Trio Program was recently targeted for deletion by the Senate. After further consideration, it should be reinstated, but the decision now rests with the House of Representatives.
  - 2) GRE Resource Center - A Kaplan Workshop was presented with 53 students in attendance. The next workshop will be held April 16.
  - 3) Special Programs is submitting a proposal for more money to be designated for Kaplan Workshops. These workshops are free to students. Staff within Special Programs will be visiting several classes to encourage student participation.

Ms. Gonzalez will be meeting with Dr. Dantzker to best determine how to evaluate and assess data from workshop participants. Dr. Clayton asked that Ms. Gonzalez follow-up with Dr. Dianne Brown regarding computers for testing.

- B. Maggie Williams, Gettie Moreno, and Val Ramirez joined the meeting to give the deans an update on the Banner implementation.
- C. Stuart Isdale informed the council of new immigration laws which include a \$500 Fraud Prevention Protection Fee which will be assessed to departments hiring individuals on an H1-B visa.
- D. Dr. Clayton led a discussion on prospective faculty who might have a doctorate degrees from a "for profit" institution. The deans will monitor this issue for future discussion, if necessary.
- E. The President asked for the deans to consider nominating a distinguished alumnus for the AASCU 2005 Distinguished Alumnus Award. The deans propose nominating General Ricardo Sanchez.

- F. Information was distributed regarding recommendations from the Honors Task Force on “graduation with honor.” The proposed recommendations would go into effect Fall 2007. Dr. Challoo objected to the recommendations going into effect without being reviewed by the Faculty Senate. Dr. Clayton asked that Dr. Challoo meet with her after the ADC meeting regarding this matter. (During that meeting, Dr. Clayton agreed that the Faculty Senate should review the recommendations. She has sent Dr. Challoo a request for this action. She has asked the deans for input as well.)
- G. Dalton Bigbee spoke regarding the upcoming SACS On-Site Team visit April 10-12. An orientation meeting will be held April 6 at 3:00 in the SUB 221 A&B. The On-Site Team will focus on our QEP. Dr. Bigbee asked the council members to read and be familiar with the QEP and the SACS Focused Report. Fliers will be distributed on campus informing individuals of the SACS visit, what the team will be doing, and the importance of re-accreditation.
- Dr. Bigbee asked the deans to think about their programs and to make sure they notify him if they are uncomfortable with any of their current activities and/or policies.
- Dr. Challoo reported that the Senate would like to meet with the On-Site Team, and Dr. Bigbee will inform the Team of this request. However, the Team sets their own agenda.
- H. The System TTVN Report was circulated. A&M-Kingsville’s involvement with TTVN is impressive.

## **II. Reports**

- A. Pam Trant announced that a retirement reception for Gladys Hines will be held Tuesday, April 19 from 2-4 in the Founders’ Room.
- B. Gail Dantzker reported on three upcoming surveys to be completed by her office.
- 1) ACT Survey of Student Attendance
  - 2) Student Rating of Instruction
  - 3) Campus Quality Survey
- C. Dr. Sung-won Park has received the Lockheed-Martin Teaching Award. Dr. Clayton asked Sheryl Custer to make sure Public Affairs has this information so a news release can be distributed.

- D. Dr. Kenneth Donnelly from the School of Rural Public Health will be on campus Tuesday, March 29 from 5:30-7:00 (Provost's Conference) to inform the deans of the TAMUS Health Science Center's Master of Public Health, Occupational Safety and Health. Students will be invited to attend an informational meeting at the same date and time in the SUB, room 221A.
- E. Frank Ureno distributed new A&M-K CDs that will be disbursed to prospective students.
- F. Garry Ross reported that all the Alamo Community College District presidents have had their contracts renewed to 2008.

He also reported that the May 2005 Convocation will hold special significance as the 500<sup>th</sup> student will graduate from the System Center.

### **III. Dates to Remember**

- A. Transfer Fair at Del Mar College - March 30
- B. Budget Hearings - March 31-April 1
- C. Transfer Fair at Coastal Bend College-Beeville - April 6
- D. SACS Orientation Meeting - SUB 221 A&B - 3:00 - April 6
- E. Transfer Fair at South Texas College - April 13
- F. Javelina Highlights - April 16
- G. Retirement Reception for Gladys Hines - Founders' Room - 2-4 - April 19
- H. South Texas Career Expo - April 28
- I. Commencement Practice - 9:45 am - May 5
- J. Commencement - 9:30 am, 3:00 pm, 6:00 pm - May 6
- K. Recommendations for Continuation or Non-reappointment of 3rd-5th Year Probationary Faculty due to Provost - May 9
- L. Post-Tenure Review Reports and Development Plans due to Provost - May 9
- M. CB Recruitment and Retention Conference - Renaissance Austin Hotel - June 20-22