

ACADEMIC DEANS' COUNCIL MEETING

September 21, 2006

Present: Kay Clayton, Pam Trant, Mike Daniel, Robert Diersing, Allen Rasmussen, Jamie Laurenz, Tom Fields, Dann Brown, Carolyn Green, Manuel Lujan, Alberto Olivares, Ronn Hy, Sheryl Custer (representing Engineering).

I. Announcements/Discussion/New Business

- A. Luisa Havens introduced new hire Cesar Garcia, CAP degree audit coordinator. Dr. Clayton welcomed Mr. Garcia to campus. Introductions were made by members of the council.

- B. Dann Brown distributed a proposal for a new academic advising fee. Council members were asked to review the proposal and send comments to Dr. Brown as soon as possible.

- C. Jamie Laurenz reported on several topics.
 - 1. The monitoring reports to SACS have been sent. Dr. Laurenz expressed his appreciation to the council members for their input. The recommendations made regarding the System Center were addressed in the System Center monitoring report. The first two recommendations made regarding the main campus were addressed in the monitoring report. However, addressing the last two recommendations is problematic. They deal with the general education curriculum.

 - 2. Actions are being considered by the General Education Committee to address the final two SACS recommendations. It is felt that the number of courses in the core need to be paired down. That will make assessing the competencies of the core more manageable. Also a process will be established for requesting that courses be added back to the core. This process could also be used as an appeals process. Some additional matters being considered are a) no junior or senior level courses in the core; b) the removal of the statement "any course ... exclusive of ..."; c) which specific courses will be considered for each competency.

 - 3. A report was given on the recent System Chief Academic Officers meeting. Some items discussed were a) 1.7 percent increase in enrollment headcount System-wide; b) joint admission efforts; c) College Readiness Success Plan (information given to Betty Black to be submitted by September 22); d) ACP information given to Mike Daniel - A&M-Corpus Christi no longer wants to participate; e) April 17-19, 2007 System Grant Writing Workshop on our campus. It was suggested that doctoral students be included in this workshop. Dr. Laurenz will find out if that is possible.

- D. Nomination forms and information on the Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership Program were distributed. Deadline for nominations is October 16.

II. Reports

- A. Carolyn Green was interviewed today, September 21, by the press regarding the San Antonio campus. The questions were general about the System Center. Several students were also interviewed.
- B. Tom Fields announced that the Faculty Senate is ready to make committee recommendations where needed.
- C. Alberto Olivares recently invited Dr. Irmin Allner, Faculty Services and Special Projects Librarian, to attend the Graduate Council meeting to discuss plagiarism. There is widespread concern about plagiarism across campus. Plagiarism software was discussed.
 - 1. There doesn't seem to be concerns regarding plagiarism in the College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences. The faculty are very familiar with publications in their fields and feel they would be aware of any plagiarism issues.
 - 2. The Arts and Sciences faculty have not made any specific concerns known to their dean. Google has a plagiarism component that is used by some of the faculty.
 - 3. The College of Business Administration and the College of Engineering use specific software to detect plagiarism.
 - 4. The College of Education is concerned about plagiarism and will look into some of the plagiarism software materials.
- Dr. Olivares also announced that September 29 is the final deadline for applications to the Pathways Symposium. Dr. Clayton suggested that Dr. Olivares include costs for this symposium in his IEP in the future so that funding of this activity may be considered.
- D. The wildlife faculty will be attending their national conference next week in Alaska.
- E. The College of Engineering recently had their kick-off for the Coastal Bend BEST Robotics Competition. Fifteen teams will be involved including approximately 250 participants. Demonstration Day will be October 21 with the final competition held October 28 in the SPEC.

- F. College-for-a-Day will be held Tuesday, September 26 with approximately 450 registered participants.
- G. Manuel Lujan made several reports:
 - 1. The current fall enrollment is 6790 with 130 unpaid.
 - 2. The International Studies Scholarship is now online.
 - 3. Enrollment Management has gone “live” with the service component of Talisma.
 - 4. EM will go “live” with the campaigns and tracking component of Talisma on September 22.
 - 5. Work is underway to complete the FY06 CBM 002 report.

III. Dates to Remember

- A. Next Week’s ADC Meeting - Friday, September 29 - 8:30 am
- B. Applications Due for Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership Program - October 16
- C. 2006 Assessment Institute in Indianapolis - The Westin Indianapolis - October 29-31
- D. Junior Faculty Workshop - Prairie View A&M - November 9-10
- E. TAMUS Pathways Student Research Symposium - Prairie View A&M - November 10-11
- F. Senior Days - November 14, 15 and 16.
- G. Javelina Highlights - February 3, 2007.
- H. 2007 Institute for Emotional Intelligence - February 22-23, 2007