

ACADEMIC DEANS' COUNCIL MEETING

November 2, 2006

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

I. Announcements/Discussion/New Business

- A. Frank Hull joined the meeting to inquire whether or not the ADC members want to participate in the HACU Exchange Program which will focus on developing undergraduate exchange programs. This will be a pilot program. The deans are interested and would like to have additional information regarding the program before making a firm commitment.
- B. Enrique Massa spoke to the council regarding the Honors Council and some recommendations they are making that will change the current honors program. He will make a similar presentation to the Arts and Sciences faculty and the Faculty Senate. When he has additional information, Dr. Clayton asked that he return to the council for final consideration of the proposal.
- C. Sandra Rexroat distributed information regarding the 2006 External Funding Report. Dr. Clayton expressed her appreciation to Ms. Rexroat and her staff for the thorough report and presentation. ORSP will be closed November 13-15 for InfoEd training.
- D. Manuel Lujan and Allen Rasmussen gave an update regarding the joint enrollment agreement with selected community colleges. Deans agreed to expand the joint enrollment agreement beyond that of ANRHS. Agreements can be made college specific.
- E. Dann Brown gave an update on plans for future Hoggie Days. The deans expressed their desire to have additional Hoggie Days sessions beginning in 2007.
- F. Dr. Clayton gave a briefing on her trip to the AASCU Conference in China. She encouraged members to continue efforts to expand international programs, especially with China.
- G. Dr. Clayton gave a report on the recent Texas Chief Academic Offices meeting. Topics included:
 - 1. Course redesign
 - 2. Standards for new doctoral programs - annual reports for 5 years - quality in scholarship
 - 3. Contracts with students to graduate in 4 years
 - 4. Timely graduation report
- H. IE Plans for FY08 were discussed. This year will involve making a transition to the goals in the university's new strategic plan.

- I. USA Today nominations are due November 30.
- J. A NCES bulletin was distributed that included important enrollment data.
- K. SACS Proposed Changes to “Principles of Accreditation” were distributed.

II. Old Business

- A. Advanced Hours Required for Baccalaureate Degree - Dr. Clayton asked for feedback about this requirement. There doesn't appear to be much concern from faculty regarding this topic. Dr. Clayton will visit with Tom Fields about this.
- B. General Studies or Liberal Arts Degree - This topic will be added to a future agenda.
- C. 120-hour Degree Plans - Deans submitted progress reports.
 - 1. Business - has reduced their plans by one course to 124 hours.
 - 2. Education - has reduced all their noncertification plans to 120 hours. Certification plans will be presented with justifications.
 - 3. Arts and Sciences - has reduced their plans to 122-124 hours except for math and science.
 - 4. Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences - has reduced their plans to 121-123 hours except for certification programs.
 - 5. Engineering - is currently checking with other institutions to see how they are handling this.

III. Reports

- A. Dr. Brown reminded everyone to join in the Javelina picture tomorrow, November 3. He also reminded everyone of the Javelina/Islander basketball game on November 13 at 7:00 in the American Bank Center.
- B. Dr. Olivares reported that 58 individuals from A&M-Kingsville will participate in the Pathways Symposium at Prairie View A&M held November 9-11.
- C. Dr. Hy invited all to attend the Assessment Workshop sponsored by Arts and Sciences on November 16 from 9-3. He also announced the name change for the Department of Biology to the Department of Biological and Health Sciences. Additionally, the Board of Regents approved the MS in CSDO for distance learning delivery.
- D. Mr. Lujan distributed enrollment updates for spring 2007.

- E. Dr. Rasmussen reported on the successful KRIRM Symposium. Approximately 167 individuals were registered for the event.
- F. Sheryl Custer reported on the successful BEST competition and invited all to attend the Assessment Workshop sponsored by Engineering to be held November 3.

IV. Dates to Remember

- A. Junior Faculty Workshop - Prairie View A&M - November 9-10
- B. TAMUS Pathways Student Research Symposium - Prairie View A&M - November 10-11
- C. Senior Days - November 14, 15 and 16.
- D. Recommendations for Second Year Probationary Faculty Due to Provost - November 27
- E. Summer/Fall 2007 Schedules Due to Provost - December 1
- F. Commencement Practice - 9:45 am - December 15
- G. Honors Reception - 2:00 pm - December 15
- H. Commencement - 4:00 pm/7:00 pm - December 15, 2006
- I. Javelina Highlights - February 3, 2007.
- J. Deans/Chairs Workshop Rescheduled to February 21-23, 2007
- K. 2007 Institute for Emotional Intelligence - February 22-23, 2007