

ACADEMIC DEANS' COUNCIL MEETING

December 7, 2006

Present: Kay Clayton, Pam Trant, Mike Daniel, Robert Diersing, Allen Rasmussen, Jamie Laurenz, Dann Brown, Manuel Lujan, Alberto Olivares, Ronn Hy, Bill Heenan, Tom Fields, Carolyn Green

I. Announcements/Discussion/New Business

- A. The Timely Graduation Incentive Pilot Project was discussed. It was suggested that the degree in Animal and Wildlife Science participate. Dr. Rasmussen will confirm with the Department of ANWS before committing to this project. (Note: This was later confirmed and a notice was e-mailed to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.)
- B. Bill Heenan gave an update on the proposed Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering. A&M-K has preliminary authority from the Coordinating Board to develop the program. Dr. Heenan and Dr. Olivares attended/participated in a workshop on new Ph.D. programs offered by the Coordinating Board to ascertain the most recent program requirements.
- C. Jamie Laurenz spoke to the Council regarding Study Abroad Program - Memorandums of Understanding. MOUs cannot be approved between A&M-K and consortiums, but with individual institutions within a consortium. An additional discussion centered around offering credit courses at international sites.
- D. The president has authorized brief announcement to be made during the Spring General Faculty Meeting on January 9, 2007.
- E. Dr. Clayton gave a brief report on the recent System Chief Academic Officers and Board of Regents meetings. The president has asked the Faculty Senate to review our Post Tenure Review Policy. He feels we need to strengthen our policy.

Jamie Laurenz has been assigned as the institution's legislative liaison to receive information during the upcoming legislative session.

Information was distributed regarding the accountability measures of System institutions.

Institutions within the System are working to get their degree plans to 120 hours. The General Education Committee is proposing to recommend that our core be lowered from 45 to 42 hours, but have not determined at this point exactly what course(s) might be considered.

- F. Dr. Clayton apologized for the misunderstanding in the issuing of letters regarding the proposed raises for January 2007. In the future, a release date will be agreed upon and adhered to. A clarification point regarding staff raises was discussed. Exempt staff who accepted a new position at A&M-K after January 1, 2006, are ineligible for this current raise. It is assumed that they were given a raise when they accepted their new position.

II. Reports

- A. Dr. Olivares reminded the deans that if a faculty member wants to become a part of the System Graduate Faculty, they should to contact his office.
- B. Dr. Laurenz reported that the General Education Committee will be recommending that there be no 3000-4000 level courses addressed in the core, and that only specific courses will be accepted.
- C. Members of the Boone and Crocket organization were recently on campus and were very supportive of the activities of the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute. The College of AH recently received a student leadership grant which will allow 1-2 students to participate in a student leadership conference.
- D. Dr. Fields distributed a recently approved resolution from Texas A&M University regarding Faculty Health Care. He also announced that the Faculty Senate will consider removing one of the senators from the Senate for nonattendance.
- E. Mr. Lujan distributed enrollment information for spring and fall 2007.
- F. The College of Business Administration has hired a new academic adviser, Ofelia Rodriguez, who will begin January 2. Students in the college recently gave their strategic management presentations which were very well done.
- G. The College of Arts and Sciences recently hired a grant writer, Rebecca Peterson. Dr. Hy reported on his recent trip to the AASCU workshop in Washington, D.C.
- H. The College of Engineering is attempting to renew the CREST grant, and the outcome for receiving the grant looks hopeful.
- I. Seven students from the College of Education presented papers at the Southwest Education Research Association meeting. Five papers have been accepted for an on-line journal, and one dissertation was accepted for publication.

- J. Dr. Green reported that 16 students and 4 faculty were recently inducted into Delta Mu Delta at the System Center. A meeting will be held December 13 with the South San School Board to discuss use of their facilities for the System Center. Additionally, a meeting will be held on December 12 with System and A&M-K officials regarding maximizing enrollment at the System Center.

Dr. Clayton announced that Dr. Robert Diersing has been promoted to the Associate Provost for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer. He will transition during the spring semester.

III. Dates to Remember

- A. Commencement Practice - 9:45 am - December 15
- B. Honors Reception - 2:00 pm - December 15
- C. Commencement - 4:00 pm/7:00 pm - December 15, 2006
- D. General Faculty Meeting - January 9, 2007
- E. Residence Hall Move-in Day - January 13, 2007.
- F. Javelina Highlights - February 3, 2007.
- G. Deans/Chairs Workshop Rescheduled to February 21-23, 2007
- H. 2007 Institute for Emotional Intelligence - February 22-23, 2007
- I. Board of Regents Meeting - A&M-K - March 21-23, 2007