

ACADEMIC DEANS' COUNCIL MEETING

October 21, 2004

Attending: Kay Clayton, Ronn Hy, Pam Trant, Mike Daniel, Alberto Olivares, Bill Heenan, Gladys Hines, Robert Diersing, Garry Ross, Ron Rosati, Dalton Bigbee, Raj Chaloo, Frank Ureno, Indra Reddy, Gail Dantzker.

I. Announcements/Discussion/New Business

- A. Dr. Clayton reported on the Coordinating Board - Doctoral Report Part 2. The report proposes to review existing doctoral programs on a regular basis. Dr. Clayton reminded the deans of the items specified in the report for review. An institution must have planning authority before a doctoral program can be submitted, and the THECB expects this authority to be requested several years before the proposal is submitted. Dr. Dantzker volunteered OIR to help with assessing and documenting needs for a specific program.
- B. Information was distributed regarding the South Texas Career Fair. Karen Engebrecht will be coordinating this activity for our campus.
- C. A copy of Faculty Senate Resolution 10.05.04.02 was distributed along with notification of the President's action on the resolution.
- D. Dr. Clayton informed the council that the Better Communications Group met yesterday with the president. All the Vps attended, along with representatives of the faculty organizations, Faculty Senate, Staff Council and SGA. Much of the discussion focused on retention. One item discussed was the inclusion of "Emotional Intelligence" into the 1201 courses as a retention strategy. Dr. Clayton asked that Ms. Hines visit with Dr. Boyle regarding this matter. Dr. Boyle should meet with the 1201 instructors to see if they might be willing to add this element to their course.

II. Old Business

- A. A short discussion was held regarding student writing skills. Several individuals were identified to begin discussions regarding a possible approach to incorporating writing skills across the curriculum. Those identified were: Dr. Donna Halford, Dr. Janis VanBuren, Ms. Betti Tanner, Dr. Susan Roberson, Dr. Emil Mucchetti, Dr. Kuruvilla John. Dr. Clayton asked the deans to visit with their faculty to see if there are additional individuals within their respective colleges that might be interested in this activity.
- B. Each dean gave a brief update on faculty searches.
- C. Each council member reported on the distribution of the president's vision and goals.

III. Reports

A. Dr. Olivares distributed a summary of the awards given at the TAMUS Pathways Symposium. A&M-K won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place at the undergraduate level.

B. Dr. Kuruvilla John and Dr. Alvaro Martinez recently received a grant in the amount of \$50,000.

Dr. John recently returned from a visit to Washington, D.C., regarding the CREST grant. The visit was very successful.

C. Mr. Ureno and Ms. Hines reported on the HACU Conference. Ms. Hines feels that A&M-K should always have a voting member present at the conference, especially since we are an Hispanic-Serving Institution.

D. Dr. Chaloo reported that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee met recently with the president and provost. The topic of communication was stressed.

E. Dr. Rosati asked for verification on a prior decision made regarding minimal requirements of the TOEFL exam. Pam Trant and Dr. Olivares will research past ADC meeting minutes to see what, if any, action was taken regarding this matter.

Dr. Rosati announced that the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences is considering a name change. At present, the name under consideration is College of Agricultural, Human and Wildlife Sciences. Input from others is being requested.

F. Dr. Ross reported that Senator Madla plans to run for re-election.

G. The research publication is coming along well. The most challenging aspect is the list of publications.

III. Dates and Deadlines

- A. Comments on Goals due to Provost - October 28
- B. Faculty Raise Recommendations due to Provost - October 28
- C. South Texas College Transfer Fair - November 17
- D. Del Mar College Transfer Fair - November 23
- E. December 2 - First Year Experience Teleconference - 12:00 noon
- F. Javelina Highlights - January 29, 2005
- G. Javelina Highlights - April 16, 2005.