Academic Council Notes
May 7, 2013
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Academic Council Members in Attendance:
- Dr. Gary Peer, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Dr. Arlene Horne, Vice Provost for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies
- Dr. Marila Palmer, Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness and Planning
- Dr. Dan Edelman, Interim Associate Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Dr. Kenneth Clinton, Associate Vice President for Global Initiatives
- Dr. Dale Funderburk, Interim Dean, College of Business and Entrepreneurship
- Dr. Sal Attardo, Dean, College of Humanities, Social Sciences and Art
- Dr. Grady Blount, Dean, College of Science, Engineering and Agriculture
- Dr. Gail Johnson, Interim Dean, College of Education and Human Services
- Mr. Greg Mitchell, Director of Libraries
- Dr. Betty Block, Department Head representative

Others in Attendance:
- Dr. Mary Beth Sampson, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies and Research
- Dr. Derald Harp, Chair, SACS Steering Committee and Associate Professor
- Ms. Cynthia Rhodes, Executive Assistant to the Provost

Individuals not in attendance were Dr. Ray Green, Dean, Honors College; Dr. Ricky Dobbs, Dean, University College; Dr. Edward Romero, Chief Diversity Officer and Director of Equal Opportunity.

Minutes recorded by Cynthia Rhodes.

SACS Update – 93% of first drafts have been submitted by original authors. Good progress is being made with the faculty credentialing. Currently it looks as if the July 14 deadline will be met. The question was asked if web pages are reviewed before SACS review/visit. The response was that it is a snapshot in time.

QEP Update – Dr. Harp informed council members that the QEP budget had been finalized and plans were to present to the President soon for his review/approval. The idea of the Global Scholar Program (students) and the Global Fellowship Program (faculty) has been well received. Many students expressed their disappointment that the Global Scholar Program was not going to be available prior to their graduation.

Tenure/Post Tenure Review GAP Analysis – Dr. Peer notified council members that the Board of Regents wants CASA to look at how each campus reviews the tenure/post tenure process on their campuses. Plans are for an analysis to be conducted for each campus. The goal is to move all institutions to more systematic and thorough systems for reviewing faculty performance.

Collaborative Software Purchases – Dr. Peer collaborative pricing list of licensed software programs that have various academic and administrative functions. The Vice Chancellor is requesting input from institutions regarding their interest in the listed software programs. The provost asked colleges to review and provide input as to whether they would be interested in purchasing any of the programs collaboratively in order to save money. Deans were asked to submit their requests to provost so the data could be collected and forwarded to the Office of the Vice Chancellor.
**STEM Activities** – Regent Mendoza is very interested in STEM activities that increase the awareness of public school students in the area of engineering. Drs. Blount and Johnson will prepare a brief summary of those activities in their colleges and submit to Dr. Irma Harper, Assistant Vice Chancellor.

**Library Centralized Purchasing** – There is a proposal being discussed at TAMUS which will change the way system libraries will use and fund a couple of additional staff in TAMU’s University Libraries in College Station who will negotiate cooperative agreements for electronic resources on behalf of all A&M System Libraries. Dr. Peer asked that Deans Council members review and provide input regarding the proposal for TAMUS “E-Resource Purchases”.

**Provost Search Updates** – It is anticipated that the announcement regarding the selection of the provost position may be made sometimes later today.