

Deans' Council Minutes--December 6, 2005

Curriculum Changes to the Industrial Engineering Program - Mary Hendrix presented the changes recommended by the ABET visiting team and approved through the college and the Faculty Senate. Deans voted unanimously to support the changes.

Weeding the Collection - Paul Zelhart indicated that there has been no organized effort to weed the library collection for more than 35 years. He circulated a list of some periodicals currently on file that warrant review. It appears that loss of degree programs has not occasioned cancellation of subscriptions in several areas. Dr. Zelhart will prepare a memo outlining a proposed process to involve faculty and academic departments in the weeding process.

THECB New Program Form and TAMUS Add-On Documents (Attachment) - Joyce Scott circulated the new Bachelor's and Master's program proposal forms from THECB and the add-on documents that will be required by TAMUS staff. It is probably desirable to hold workshops on how to prepare proposals so that department heads will be prepared to use them for new program proposals.

TAMUS Campuses: Undergraduate Admission Requirements (Fall 2006) (Attachment)
TAMUS Campuses: Graduate & Professional Admission Requirements (Fall 2006) (Attachment) - Joyce Scott circulated matrices showing these requirements across the TAMUS.

House Bill 1172 Impact (Attachment) - Joyce Scott introduced likely impacts of HB 1172, including reduction of minimum hours allowed for a degree and reduction in the number of hours above that minimum that may be taken for resident tuition. Students are now allowed to complete 45 hours above the degree minimum at resident tuition rates; this will be reduced to 30 hours as a cost savings. Similarly, to expedite graduation in 4 years, the bill directs institutions to review all degree programs above 120 hours and to revise its core curriculum to conform to Section 61.822 of the Education Code, as amended. Deans reflected that these changes are most likely to impact teacher education and accredited programs, which may require special attention, but that the institution as a whole needed a committee to address the issues involved in HB 1172. Joyce Scott will summarize the provisions and prepare a draft charge to a committee.

A11.46 Doctoral Research Tools - (Attachment) – Jon Travis reviewed the recommendation from the Department of Language and Literature to reduce the number of hours of foreign language required for the Ph.D. from 18 to 12. Joyce Scott requested clarification of the source of the Graduate Student Foreign Language Test and what a “pass” meant on the Foreign Language Proficiency Examination administered by the department. Deans approved unanimously the recommended change.

A11.49 Graduate Level Courses by Independent Study - (Attachment) – Jon Travis reviewed a change recommended by the Graduate Council, to allow Independent Study “89” courses to count for residency requirements. The Deans approved the change unanimously.

Faculty Evaluation Workshop - (Attachment) - Joyce Scott urged Deans to send Department Heads who would benefit from some training in faculty evaluation. The workshop is scheduled for January 4-5 in College Station. Academic Affairs will pay for participants registration and travel.

Annual TAMU Assessment Conference - (Attachment) - Joyce Scott

Summer Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration - Joyce Scott

Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Education Task Force Report - Joyce Scott

What buildings can be closed during summer?