

Deans Council Minutes
October 12, 2010, 9:00 am

Present:

Dr. Larry Lemanski
Dr. Salvatore Attardo
Dr. Hal Langford
Dr. Mary Beth Sampson (for Dr. Headley)
Greg Mitchell

Cynthia Rhodes
Amy Patrick
Greta Spradling

Guest:

Dr. Ray Green

Agenda Items:

Guest: Dr. Ray Green – Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities Center

Dr. Green presented his idea to encourage more undergraduate research students. Eric Gruver and Tom Faulkenberry were named as individuals to work with this project. A fund source for the project was not identified. The Deans were supportive of the Center.

1. New Task Force for Reorganization of Colleges – Larry Lemanski requested the new task force move quickly with a recommendation.
2. Undergraduate Medical Academy with TAMU Health Science Center – Larry Lemanski – Dr. Nancy Dickey is the president at TAMU Health Science Center. The program prepares the students for medical school. Students work in hospitals and shadow doctors. The degree is a Master of Public Health.
3. Update from the Chief Academic Officers Meeting – Larry Lemanski
 - a. Texas A&M University Press – A&M-Commerce has contributed the Sam Rayburn Series to the Texas A&M University Press.
 - b. New Bush School Scholarships for Masters Students – The Bush School offers a Government and Public Service Degree. The contact person in College Station is Sam Kirkpatrick.
 - c. Low Producing Programs – THECB Report still show programs where requests for removal were made nine years earlier. It was recommended that letters be hand-delivered to the THECB.
 - d. New doctoral programs will require pre-approval and planning authority from the THECB. This pre-approval process will trigger reviews of all doctoral programs.
 - e. System Faculty Development Leave Reports are to be submitted in a new format.

- f. A&M Commerce met the guidelines for posting Syllabi and CVs under the HB 2504 ruling. The Deans and Provost all agreed that the Departmental Administrative Assistants did a great job collecting and submitting those documents for their many faculty. An appreciation lunch has been planned for December 3 to “thank” those individuals.
 - g. Textbook Policy Discussion – The library has been looking into e-books and textbook rentals. Ideally, the library would like to have three copies of each class’s textbook but it would be costly. A&M Corpus Christi is using stimulus money to make more textbooks available.
 - h. The Drop Policies is clearly stated in the Catalog and well established.
 - i. Scholarships waivers for foreign students has been questioned at the system level. A&M-Commerce should run the numbers to determine how many foreign students remain in the States and work.
 - j. The new guidelines for the Chancellor’s Teaching Excellence Awards had not been posted as of this meeting. Dr. Ashley’s office distributed the information on October 26.
 - k. Dual Credit Principles – collect feedback
4. Priority Planning Worksheets – Larry Lemanski – Following the meeting, Greta Spradling collected all worksheets for Dr. Lemanski’s review. The worksheets were submitted to Randy VanDeven’s office.
 5. Strategy for Development – Greg Mitchell presented a chart depicting the relationships between potentially key contributors to the University. It was recommended that the Gala in the spring honor Ralph Hall.
 6. Action Items – Greta Spradling – At Dr. Lemanski’s request, Greta has created an Action Item spreadsheet with assignments and due dates.
 7. Open Forum
 - Department Head Luncheon – The four faculty who attended the Department Head Training in College Station should share the information from the conference.
 - Computer requirements for students
 - Lamar visit to learn best practices on Academic Partnerships
 - Question asked about raising the TOEFFL Score for International Students to 500

Information:

- 28th Annual Academic Chairpersons Conference, February 10-11, 2011, Florida
- iPads offer cost savings...UT Tyler student

Action Items: