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  

Guest:  
Dr. Ray Green

Agenda Items:
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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 TOEFL Score for International Students to 500
Information:

- iPads offer cost savings…UT Tyler student

Action Items: