

Called Deans Council Meeting Minutes

Boardroom BA 290

December 10, 2010, 9:00 a.m.

Present: Dr. Larry Lemanski
Dr. Allan Headley
Dr. Brent Mangus
Dr. Hal Langford
Dr. Sal Attardo
Lisa Rabe
Greta Spradling
Cynthia Rhodes

1. Award Presentation – Dr. Lemanski presented Cynthia Rhodes with the Employee Recognition Award. Cynthia was nominated by Dr. Mildred Golden Pryor. In the nomination submitted to the awards committee, Dr. Pryor stated, “Cynthia is a real leader who is intelligent and who passionately cares about her work, her colleagues, the faculty, staff, and students. She thinks strategically as well as tactically, and she knows what to do and when to do it. She understands protocol. In addition, she understands urgency and is able to respond fast. Personally and professionally, Cynthia is committed to performance excellence.”
2. 2nd Year Tenure and Promotion – Lisa Rabe provided the Deans Council with information on 2nd Year Probationary Faculty. The Deans discussed each faculty member and voted whether to continue or not.
3. Academic Partnerships (AP) Update - Colleges
 - a. Update on College Programs
 - b. Admissions Process
 - c. UTA Tour – January 9 –
 - d. Other Information

Dr. Langford reported the eMBA will begin in March, 2011. The graduate courses are going to Graduate Council for approval. The who are faculty involved in course development have been trained on the Epic System. A tour of Academic Partnerships is scheduled for next week. Academic Partners (AP) will be in communications weekly. The AP portal will be opening Wednesday, December 15. Four positions have been approved to hire as add-interim. AP is impressed with A&M-Commerce’s online experience. The admissions process for AP students will start as with all Commerce students, through campus process. When the eMBA is selected as a degree, the student will be directed to a Grad School person hired to handle AP students. The eMBA will follow a 10 week quarter; four in first year. The money for the four position was funded by the President and is to be paid back.

Dr. Weeks reported that the College of Education and Human Performance will have a doctoral program to begin in the Summer of 2011.

Dr. Attardo reported that faculty viewed an Epic System demonstration. AP is interested in our Criminal Justice program and Spanish. Dr. Attardo will meet with AP again in January for more discussion.

4. Facilities – Dr. Weeks

Administrative space is needed for grant research offices. Deans considered a Research Park or Research Center for administration. Labs in other locations are needed.

Research assistants have individual offices throughout the campus. This is a problem. Priorities should determine how space is assigned.

The Student Center is building an inventory on space assignments and utilization.

The Facilities Committee is designing a Campus Map to show handicap accessibility. Dr. Weeks will send minutes from last meeting Facilities Committee.

Action: (Dr. Weeks) Kim Landers will be assigned inventory office space for Academic Affairs. This will include a map of every building and who is assigned to the space.

5. Open Forum

Dr. Attardo reported that the meeting with Jack Matz went very well. There was participation from all Colleges. The presentations were excellent.

Dr. Langford is organizing a Deans Workshop on January 4&5 to discuss the budget.

The Budget Retreat is scheduled for January 12.

Dr. Lemanski discussed the following in open forum:

The Reorganization Plan is going to President Jones and then to Dr. Ashley. The information is not for public at this time. As soon as the plan is approved, Bill Franklin will assist in the national search for candidates. Two search committees will be selected to review the Dean applicant pool. The campus catalog and website will need to be updated. The Job Descriptions for Deans will need to be written and interview questions prepared.

The Proposal for the Nursing Program will be submitted for the February Board of Regents agenda.

The Computational Science Ph.D. is now going to THECB for approval.

Informational Handouts:

- Desktop Computer Standard

- Federal Relations Team Agenda, December 14,
- The Academic Minute, Public Radio

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