

# Deans' Council Minutes

## January 27, 2004

**Present:** Joyce Scott, Thad Anglin, Mary Hendrix, Hal Langford, Linda Matthei for Finnie Murray, Elton Stetson, Joe Webber and guest Randy McBroom

### 1. Grade Distribution Study

Randy McBroom presented first version of a comprehensive grade distribution study and reviewed parameters of design. He indicated studies can be done by department and faculty members. After discussion Randy promised to revise mode per input and to resubmit for further analysis.

### 2. GA Stipends

No action

### 3. Summer Orientation

Mary Hendrix presented new outcomes for orientation and discussed need for greater faculty participation and use of student mentors. Parents will be welcome and can be oriented to campus and programs. Program will include preparing a fall class schedule and paying the tuition and fees.

### 4. Emergency Hire

Deans' Council agreed to Tom Jackson's suggestion that the Graduate School bring on someone to help departments with planning their recruiting strategies/marketing activities and brochures. The purpose will be to increase the numbers of applicants in programs that have been losing enrollment. Departments/programs designated for early, short-term focus would be computer science, literature and languages, sciences, criminal justice, counseling, social work, psychology/special education, elementary and secondary education, MBA and industrial technology.

### 5. Graduate Program Recruiting

Each department should define its optimal graduate enrollment. How many students? Full-Time? Part-Time? What geographic area do students come from? What are needs of particular regions? Could we package courses to meet these needs on-site?

### 6. A&M-Commerce Courtesy Committee - Deferred

### 7. ROTC Unit - Deferred

### 8. Degree Audit Policy

Discussion focused on questions outlined. Joyce Scott reported that Paige Bussell is preparing a flow chart of degree audit graduation check-out processes. This will come to deans at next meeting for review.

### 9. Assistant vs. Associate Dean Titles - Deferred

### 10. Staff Teaching as Adjuncts

TAMUS policy stipulates staff who teach during workday should not receive supplementary compensation.

### 11. List of Courses Repeated

Joyce Scott circulated reports done by Paige Bussell, Randy McBroom and Alicia Currin showing students and courses when student was in 3<sup>rd</sup> or greater repeat. Under legislative mandate, there will be no state funding provided for course in which student is on 3<sup>rd</sup> or subsequent repeat. Early estimates suggest a loss of about \$150,000 per year in state funding.

### 12. Accountability

Joyce Scott reviewed likely implications of Governor Perry's call for accountability reporting in public higher education. She attended meeting with Coordinating Board staff and other academic officers to delineate indicators that might be used.