

Deans' Council Minutes--January 10, 2006

TRB Items - Joyce Scott reminded Deans of the previous TRB list and sought input about potential projects. The music building and library renovation will remain as priorities, but there is room for a 3rd item. Discussion turned to possibilities: remodel Journalism for engineering and computer science; use east half of old Music bldg. for photography and sculpture; ownership of a downtown Dallas or Metroplex facility; Special Events Center.

Exceptional Items - Joyce Scott opened discussion on this budget category for the next biennium. Deans agreed to continue minority outreach and serving the traditional freshman class. Deans Klein and Langford will look at combining computer science and new engineering programs into the 3rd item.

Schedule & Guidelines for Funding Requests to 80th Legislature – was reviewed.

Chancellor McTeer's Visit on January 17 - Joyce Scott reported that the meeting will start at 9:30 and include a briefing on A&M-C's strengths and challenges. Deans will be present for discussion.

Midlothian Planning Document - (Attachment) – Mary Hendrix reviewed plans for an advising intake session at Midlothian in the new Navarro College facility. Date will be February 2-3. Campus will send several advisors along with financial aid personnel and others for support.

One - Stop Student Service Center - Joyce Scott indicated to Deans that she and President will be doing walk-thrus of several facilities, examining space to set up this service.

UCD Operations - Deans examined data on enrollments by institution for the past two years and find that A&M-C and TWU are majority providers. Federation enrollments
for Fall 03-Summer 04 show A&M-C @ 955, UNT @ 151, TWU @ 957;
for Fall 04-Summer 05 show A&M-C @ 1011, UNT @ 14, TWU @ 1035.

Spring 2006 Commencement – Deans discussed models this event including combining two colleges or putting graduates of master's and doctoral programs with the academic colleges. Additional information will be gathered before recommendations are finalized.

Liberal Studies Proposal - Mary Hendrix & James Klein reviewed a proposal from Arts and Sciences for a BA/BS in Liberal Studies. Questions focused on language requirements, selection of areas of concentration, cooperation across colleges. The Deans voted unanimously to approve the proposal for review at the next level.

Summer Events Coordinator - Mary Hendrix shared a draft description for this position. The purpose of the position would be to generate business for the campus (housing, food service, etc.) in the form of conferences, workshops and other activities that would bring more people and income in slack periods.

IB Policy - Wendi Gruver briefed the Deans on SB 111 which requires each campus to have a chart of credit awards for successful performance on 6 International Baccalaureate exams. Wendy has prepared a revision of Procedure 11.25, *Undergraduate Non-traditional Education*, to include the enumeration of scores required and credit awarded for many credit-by-exam programs. For the IB, Wendy and the Deans will ensure close review of all credit recommendations by the respective academic departments. All departmental input will be due February 1, to Wendy and the appropriate Dean, after which the procedure will be reviewed and approved for adoption by the Deans and President.

Information Items: NACADA - Academic Advising Summer Institutes and 2006 UTAAA Academic Advising Conference: "Student Engagement: Connecting the Pieces"