

Deans' Council Minutes --June 7, 2005

Update(s) on Budget Planning - President McFarland discussed the budget situation and how to manage the needed enrollment growth within existing resources. He noted three target markets: traditional college-aged students from the region who seek a traditional on-campus experience, Community college transfer students from the 16 campuses in our services area, and graduate students both on and off campus.

Deans noted that we do a poor job handling flex-entry administratively; this needs work.

Summer School 2006 starts the "count period" and should be a time to build enrollments and funding for the next biennium. Strategies for increasing enrollment might include special supplement for extra courses, controlling administrative costs at the department and college level, capping salaries for instruction, placing courses on site for key constituents (K-12, for example).

Assistantship Stipends - Attachment - Dr. Headley reviewed several options for creating greater flexibility and competitiveness in graduate assistant stipends. He will continue discussions with a group of experimental programs. Dr. Scott reminded deans that this would not expand in any way the amount of funds dedicated to graduate assistants and could, therefore, result in a decline in the total numbers of graduate assistants employed and in the credit hours generated.

Twelve (12) Hour Rule for Non-Degree Courses - Dr. Headley suggested that, for students on the teacher education certification program, there might be reason to allow more than 12 hours toward a master's degree in education because they may decide after the fact that they would like to get the MEd along with certification. This would not change circumstances for non-degree graduate students elsewhere. The Graduate Council recommends an 18-hour limit of courses taken in non-degree status for teacher certification students toward the master's degree. The deans concur unanimously.

Procedure A11.35 Admission to Graduate School – Attachment. The deans voted in favor of the recommended changes. The deans voted in favor of the recommended changes.

Procedure A11.39 Course Requirements for the Master's Degree – Attachment.

Significant Financial Interest Certification (Conflict of Interest) - Attachment - Dr. Headley presented a draft drawn from other institutions with established research programs. The deans voted in favor of the recommended form.

Research & Creative Activity Advisory Council - Attachment - Dr. Headley presented revisions in the composition, rotation and charge of the committee. The deans voted in favor of the recommendations.

Procedure A15.01 Internally Funded Research Grants - Attachment - Dr. Headley provided copy of the present procedure and indicated he would make revisions according to the changes above.

Briefing on Data Resources - Robert Hodges (BA 339) briefed the deans on one ACT product, AIM. Another briefing will be scheduled for two more products.