

Deans' Council Minutes
June 1, 2006

Dr. Scott presented the 2006-07 Proposed Vacation Days from President McFarland.

- There was a total of 14 days but a concern was raised about January 1st or New Year's Day not being a holiday. This will be brought to the attention of Dr. McFarland.

Report from Regents' Meeting and CAO discussion - Joyce Scott

- Dr. Mark Weichold, Associate Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies, and Dr. Alice Reinartz, Assistant Provost for Enrollment gave a presentation on A&M's plan to distribute names of TAMU Non-enrolled and denied students to the other system schools. They also gave a preview of A&M's five-year plan to increase enrollment.
- Dr. David Prior, Provost at A&M, gave a presentation on faculty hiring, tenure and promotion.
- The System plans on hosting a proposal development workshop in the near future.

Tuition Set-Aside Proposal - (Attachments) - Joyce Scott & Yvette Murph

Procedure 13.03.99.R0.01 - Tuition Set Asides Disbursement - (Attachment) - Scott & Murph

- Dr. Murph previewed the new guidelines which have been developed for awarding the new "Pride Scholarships"
- The funds for the scholarships come from the Tuition set-asides from the increase in tuition
- The scholarships will be available for undergraduate and graduate students beginning Fall 2006
- Mary Hendrix discussed the Texas Education Code and Procedure 13.03.99.R0.01
- Motion was made by Dean Langford and seconded by Dean Ashley to approve Procedure 13.03.99.R0.01. Motion unanimously passed.

Procedure A12.14 - Appointment, Reappointment, and Promotion of Non-Tenure Track & Clinical Faculty - (Attachment) - Deans Council

- After discussion motion was made by Dean Langford and seconded by Dean Klein to approve Procedure A12.14. Motion passed unanimously.

Procedure A11.17 - Undergraduate Academic Advisement - (Attachment) - Deans Council and Recognition Model from University of Mississippi - (Attachment)

- Faculty Senate expressed concern about how academic advising is evaluated and accounted for in faculty load
- Dean Ashley suggested that there should be some flexibility in how this is administered throughout each college.
- After lengthy discussion, Dean Ashley moved and Dean Langford seconded to approve Procedure A11.17. Motion passed unanimously

Procedure A11.20 - Undergraduate Student Load (Attachment) - Deans Council

- Motion made to Dean Langford and seconded by Dean Ashley to approve Procedure A11.20. Motion passed unanimously

2006-2007 Curriculum Changes - (Attachments) - Mary Hendrix

- Dr. Hendrix discussed the summaries of each college and department that was distributed earlier.
- The changes had approval by departments, executive councils, Faculty Senate and Graduate Council (as applicable) and needed approval from Dean's Council
- Ashley moved, Langford seconded and Council approved unanimously 2006-07 curriculum changes.

Graduate Enrollment - (Attachment) - Dr. Travis

- Dr. Jon Travis informed the group that graduate applications were up 203
- In order to increase matriculation the graduate school was contacting students after initial interest is shown and keeping in contact with the students that had applied.
- Dr. Travis also reminded the Deans about the “Recruiting Graduate Students Seminar” that is being held in Dallas in July.

Dr. Murph

- Gave an overview of the second orientation session of June 2nd.
 - Approximately 116 students and 95 parents with special program for the parents.
 - Joe Webber informed Dr. Murph that he had a surplus of Guidebooks that could be distributed to the students
 - A problem with odor at MSC was detected, coming from garbage being released under the building due to a broken pipe. Facilities will ventilate the space and a decision about site of Orientation will be made by 10 AM Friday.
- Overview of meeting with the Dallas Morning News Staff
 - Collaboratively worked with DMN staff to develop new ad campaign
 - Series of “Our students are nothing but a number number one”
 - Will be in English, Spanish, DMN website, KETR, and an e-mail blitz
- The number of registered transfer students has increased due to turning on the on-line new student orientation.

Dean Klein

- Announced the new assignment in Literature and Languages. Dr. Paul Zelhart will be interim head and Associate Dean effective July 1.
- Review committee recommended a new head be appointed and new search be launched
- Dr. Bill Bolin will be the assistant Department Head
- Dr. Donna Dunbar Odom will be the head of the Graduate Program

Dr. Scott

- Will ask for an examination copy of the book “Doing Honest work in College”
- Implementation of plagiarism detection software “Turn it in” unanimously supported by the Deans.
- There will be a System Audit done on faculty recruitment and retention. The Policy was handed out to the academic deans
- The Capital plan summary information was distributed. New TAMU-C projects were discussed
- In the future the System will present plans to the legislature

Everyone dismissed but the academic deans for tenure review.