

DEANS COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, November 22, 2011

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Attendees: Lemanski, Attardo, Blount, Headley, Langford, Mangus, Romero, and Weeks. Absent: Mitchell

1. Voting on 2nd Year Probationary Faculty

A. Hill distributed the packets for 2nd year probationary faculty members. The following were voted on and approved: Ajamu Loving, Mario Eraso, Merry Boggs, Arthur Borgemenke, Chuck Holt, Maria Hinojosa, Scott Waltemyer, Lauren Maloney, Jamie Page, James Ewald, Jessica Brannon-Wranosky, Jonathan Bergman, David Hervas, Daniel Kelly, Robert Rodriguez, Jose Lopez, Dong Won Choi, and Kurtis Williams. Probationary materials will be distributed electronically for Suzanne Thomas and Charlotte Larkin. Deans will return votes via email.

Update: Both Suzanne Thomas and Charlotte Larkin were approved by the deans via email vote.

2. Impact of Increased Faculty Lines on Summer Allocations

Dr. Weeks informed the council members that the base funding for summer school has not been adjusted to take into account the increased new faculty lines. Thus, this will impact the number of faculty who will get to teach. However, it was mentioned that, beginning in February 2012 will be the beginning of the base year period, additional funding will more than likely be provided by the university.

3. Procedure 11.04.99.RO.31 Graduate Certificates (Handouts: procedure; Texas Administrative Code Title 19 Part I Chapter 5 Subchapter C Rule 5.48; and four applications for Graduate certificates, i.e., Teacher Leadership in Bilingual/ESL Instruction; Chemical Dependency Counseling; Leadership in Administering School Programs to Diverse Student Populations; and Leadership in Digital Instruction.)

Dr. Headley presented a proposed revised procedure for graduate certificates. There was extensive discussion, including the role of The Graduate Council in the process for approving certificates locally. There were other questions about the approval process through the A&M System to the THECB, as well as SACS requirements. Dr. Weeks will look for some of the answers. It was decided that, after revisions to items 3 and 4 by Dr. Headley, the procedure will be brought back to the council for approval.

4. Summer Tuition Remission for GATs and GARs

According to Dr. Headley, The Graduate School has some over-realized funding available for graduate assistantships. There have been some conversations that Dr. Hendrix is working to develop programs to utilize this funding. Dr. Headley distributed a handout with a proposal to boost summer graduate enrollment during the base period by increasing the number of graduate assistantships awarded by 17 (from 33 to 50) and providing all fifty GAs with tuition remission. He and Dr. Sampson will meet this afternoon with Dr. Weeks to review available funds. Other conversation centered on a continuing discussion of seeking a method to equitably distribute GA funding. The deans will be providing information about possible plans for distribution.

5. Center for Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities

Dr. Headley reported that Dr. Tom Faulkenberry is serving as the interim director; his appointment ends December 31. He proposed opening a search for a one-year 25% appointment. Dr. Faulkenberry is eligible to apply for the position. Dr. Headley indicated more energy is needed in the center, suggesting an advisory group be formed. In response to Dr. Lemanski asking about the activities in the center, Dr. Headley stated that it has provided the following: 1) worked with Honor's College students, 2) worked to match students with advisors, and provided workshops to assist students with applying for fellowships. Dr. Lemanski mentioned these were not new activities. He also mentioned that the center needs more visibility.

6. Review of IT Governance Proposals (handout)

Dr. Blount talked about his perspective of the possible impact of having the CIO as a member of both of the two IT governance committees. He stated that having the CIO on the committee contradicts the advisory role of the committee. He indicated that he shared this with Dr. Lemanski and that, subsequently, he has been asked prepare a draft revision. Dr. Blount asked the deans to provide feedback to include on the revision that can be presented to Mr. Karim.

(Action Item) On a related topic, Dr. Langford asked why the Faculty Center for Teaching with Technology (FCTT) (formerly Instructional Technology) was assigned to Technology Services. Some points of discussion were: a) how can the CIO deal with assurance of learning, b) what is best for academic purposes, and c) enterprise solutions being used in a non-enterprise environment. After discussion, Dr. Langford moved (seconded by Dr. Blount) "that a memorandum be prepared for Dr. Jones encouraging him to move the FCTT back to the academic side." Motion passed unanimously.

There was some discussion revolving around the web site, including the functionality of links, changing the domain of our university name, and the home page. It was suggested that Anwar should report to Bob Brown.

7. Open Forum

- a. (at the beginning of the meeting while Dr. Lemanski was still meeting with Dr. Jones) Dr. Mangus shared with the group plans for the 2012 faculty development experience to Costa Rica. Mangus told the group that Clinton is providing funds for some faculty from the other colleges. Blount asked about the purpose of the trip and the activities. Mangus gave some details.
- b. Essential personnel reminder: deans were reminded that each needs to make certain his unit submits the list of essential personnel who are permitted to be in the work space when it is closed.
- c. Winter mini enrollments: talked about how the spring flex overload courses will make up for lower winter mini enrollments, and that they go into the base period.
- d. Undergraduate advising: centralized advising continues to be discussed across campus. However, it seems that Student Access and Success may be realizing that advising of upper level majors is more feasible at the college level.
- e. Update on search for associate provost for Institutional Effectiveness and Planning: the deans were asked their opinion on the candidates. It was felt that Cleary was the most qualified, but his current salary may preclude his accepting a position, if offered.

- f. \$10,000 degree: Dr. Lemanski will be in Austin Monday at a THECB Task Force meeting appointed by Commissioner Raymond Paredes. He asked the deans to email him a copy of their proposals so he will have it for the meeting.