

Council of Deans
February 20, 2013

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 am, Wednesday, February 20, 2013. Steve Runge presided, and the following members were present: Steve Addison, Kurt Boniecki, Mike Casey, Jonathan Glenn, Neil Hattlestad, Elaine McNiece, Maurice Lee, Rollin Potter, and Diana Pounder. Laura Young was absent. Wendy Lucas Castro joined the council as Director of Assessment.

Collin Stanton, Director of Student Orientation, was present to discuss Welcome Week planning for next fall. Discussion was held regarding different forms of academic programming for incoming freshmen.

McNiece shared ideas for the creation of a new Recognized Student Organization for student research. Discussion followed.

McNiece reported on a recent meeting to discuss X grade concerns for students who are working on dissertations and are in classes for a longer period than one semester. She indicated that there is a need for a grade designation for students who are making progress. Following lengthy discussion, McNiece moved that a grade of IP (In Progress) be created for students in dissertation courses. Casey seconded the motion. Glenn offered a friendly amendment that the IP be vetted through the Registrar's Office to make sure the grade fits the system. Motion with friendly amendment was called and passed unanimously.

Boniecki discussed a Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) workshop he attended and how we could use it to confer credit. The Complete College America grant provides a coach for various parts of the grant, and she has offered to come to campus to give a workshop on PLA. Discussion followed.

Boniecki said that the General Education Council approved the last of the expedited proposals and those that were grandfathered. He moved to approve, Casey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Hattlestad shared the HLC monitoring report scorecard. He explained what we should expect when the team comes in November.

Provost's Announcements

Dean candidate Charlotte Royeen and her husband are driving in to interview (Dean of the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences). We will meet two or three times during their visit.

Make sure those who reserve a table for Bear Facts Day show up.

Mrs. Kay Hinkle is the Board Trustee who will visit Academic Affairs this year. We will have several meetings with her to share the complexities of this division.

Reminded the council of Faculty Excellence Awards and urged deans to nominate outstanding faculty in their colleges.

A discussion of AVID was held on Monday. Glenn will send three acceptable versions for faculty and staff to use.

The Board will meet Friday at 10:00 with a goal to be completed by noon.

Shared concern that the reduction in the amount of lottery scholarships and changes in challenge scholarships could affect the freshman class.

Emphasized how important Information Nights will be with regard to recruiting.

Dean Reports

Glenn: reported that Degree Works training is underway; informed all of the notifications going to the board on Friday and then to ADHE; will attend a meeting regarding a grant to study reverse transfer; reported that reorganization of the Undergraduate Bulletin has taken place and that Suzanne Massey will take care of on-going maintenance.

Lee: reported that the diversity committee has made its recommendation to the president; stated that the CHBS dean search committee has completed its work and expressed hope that the search will be successful.

Pounder announced that a COE faculty member is one of very few to be selected for the Gates recognition of teachers who use technology in teaching.

Boniecki reported that Digital Measures is up and running. It is under myUCA on the myWork tab.

McNiece said that she will send student research guidelines out this afternoon.

Hattlestad reported that John Murphy, a professor of psychology, appeared on Fox 16. Dr. Murphy has published a book and is seen as an expert.

Potter shared information about several authors who will be coming to campus over the semester.

Castro: is working with Berdie Eubank on Bear Book; the academic assessment committee has created handbook; a template for assessment has been developed and will be built into Digital Measures; stated that seniors would not be given the proficiency profile test this semester.

Runge asked deans to start thinking about capital requests and priorities in their colleges.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30.

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