

Council of Deans June 14, 2013

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 am on Friday, June 14, 2013. Steve Runge presided and the following members were in session: Kurt Boniecki, Jonathan Glenn, Michael Hargis, Maurice Lee, Diana Pounder, Gary McCullough, Neil Hattlestad, Terry Wright, Steve Addison, Laura Young, Wendy Lucas Castro, and Art Gillaspy.

A motion was made by McCullough to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2013 COD meeting. Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Minutes were approved as amended by Runge.

Boniecki moved to remove the Biology AP Policy, which was tabled at the April 24, 2013 COD meeting, from the table for action. Addison seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion followed. Glenn moved for approval to change the Biology AP credit policy. Credit will be awarded for BIOL 1440 for an AP score of 4 or above. Credit will be awarded for BIOL 1441 and BIOL 1440 for an AP score of 5. Boniecki seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements:

Runge announced: (1) Academic Affairs submitted \$1.4 million in capital requests to Diane Newton. Strategically we are trying to move requests for building improvements to the Physical Plant budget so Academic Affairs can focus on acquiring capital equipment that will improve learning. (2) The Enrollment Management Plan was distributed to Executive Staff this past Tuesday. We are waiting on their feedback before finalizing the plan (3) reorganization of remaining personnel from Enrollment Management will become effective July 1, 2013. Julia Winden Fey will direct the Student Success Center and will report to Art Lichtenstein, Tera Ziegler will move to Admissions, Penny Hatfield will become the Articulation and Transfer Coordinator and the line for the Assistant Director of Learning Communities will roll over to International Engagement. The plan is for Penny to develop transfer and articulation agreements with all 24 two-year institutions in Arkansas and selected out-of-state schools in Illinois, Texas, Missouri and Oklahoma. (4) On-going concerns with salary distribution. Faculty with questions should speak to their department chair, then dean.

Dean Reports:

Glenn mentioned implementation of Degreeworks is underway. Next week is the final training. The soft go-live for undergraduates is this fall; the hard go-live is January 2014. The soft go-live for graduates is January 2014; the hard go-live is summer 2014. Glenn also shared information on other projects he is currently working on (HLC report, building emergency plans, Act 747 common course numbering system and the back log of graduate bulletin changes).

Pounder expressed her concern about a forthcoming report from the National Council of Teacher Quality. The report does not rate university-based teacher prep programs very favorably due to some

methodological and measurement biases built into their rating system. The NCTQ is an advocacy group affiliated with U.S. News and World Report.

Boniecki issued material on Digital Measures. Discussion followed concerning definitions and standardization of data.

Castro discussed the Virtual Tour project she is working on with Jeff Pitchford. Castro asked if everyone could send her by Tuesday, two or three ideas to feature on the Virtual Tour – a program, faculty member or student from their college. Castro also mentioned the need for more FYS sections.

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 am

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