

Council of Deans
August 29, 2018

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 29, 2018. Provost Patricia Poulter presided and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Michael Hargis, Jimmy Ishee, Victoria Groves-Scott, Patricia Smith, Kurt Boniecki, Angela Barlow, Thomas Williams, Terry Wright, and Stephen Addison. Julia Winden-Fey was present for item two.

1. The minutes from the August 15, 2018 meeting were considered and approved.
2. Julia Winden-Fey, Director of Student Success, discussed the upcoming Family Day activities. She presented the list of events that are currently on the schedule. The Council discussed options for college representatives to be available during the event, including information tables in the Student Center and having academic buildings open for walk-throughs.
3. Discussion Items:
 - a. P. Poulter discussed the Learning Management System Working Group. There are two years remaining on the current Blackboard contract. The Working Group will look into options with other Learning Management Systems. The group will be led by Mike Lloyd but will comprise representatives from each college. These representatives need to be primary users of the current system. Please send the name of your college representative to Alicia Crow by the end of the day, September 7.
 - b. P. Poulter discussed the Prior Learning Assessment Working Group. There has been such a group in the past but they are no longer active. She would like to assemble a working group of two-to-three people per year to work on a prior learning reference document with the goal being that the university is more entrance-friendly to non-traditional students.
 - c. J. Glenn stated that the Department of Veterans Affairs sent a letter to all institutions that offer priority registration to select groups of students. The letter requested that the university include veterans and service members in the priority registration group. The Council discussed the request and the groups that are currently approved for priority registration.

The Council agreed to recommend that priority registration be available to veterans and service members. P. Poulter will notify Faculty Senate of this recommendation.

- d. P. Poulter discussed the agenda for the upcoming retreat. Warren Readnour and Mindy Pipkin from General Counsel will be discussing appropriate action for professional misconduct and employee action that does not rise to the level of Title IX.

She asked for the Council's input on three areas for discussion. These include student success, opportunities to support collaboration, and online opportunities. The Council discussed these and other topics such as prioritizing students' academic experience, faculty development, and recruitment for online programs.

- e. P. Smith discussed the draft Operation Guidelines for the Council of Deans. The Council discussed membership and voting. They will reconvene next Wednesday to discuss further.

4. Important Dates:

- a. The next Council of Deans meeting will be Wednesday, September 5, at 9:00 a.m.
- b. Courtney Bryant will attend the September 12 meeting to discuss recruitment as it relates to EAB.
- c. Distinguished Faculty Emeritus nominations are due to the department chair on October 1, to the dean on October 8, and to the provost on October 15.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.