

Academic Council Minutes
Gold Room – Bibb Graves Hall

January 20, 2010

Present:

Dr. Rebecca Turner, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
Mr. Vinson Houston, Acting Vice President for Information Technology
Dr. Joe Delap, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Frank King, Associate Vice President for Distance Education
Dr. Tim King, AVPEMSA
Dr. Jean Pugliese for Dean Bill Carr, College of Graduate Studies & Continuing Educ.
Dean Bill Fielding, College of Commerce & Business Administration
Ms. Jodi Poe for Dean John-Bauer Graham, Library Services
Dean John Hammett, College of Education and Professional Studies
Dean Sarah Latham, College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Dean Earl Wade, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Louise Clark, Assoc. Dean, College of Commerce & Business Administration
Ms. Kelly Osterbind, Registrar
Dr. Jay Ketterer, Director, International House and Programs
Mr. Joe Whitmore, Director, Institutional Support Services
Mr. Greg Bonds, Assistant Director, Athletics, Compliance
Dr. Dan Krejci, Faculty Senate President
Mr. Bryant Whaley, SGA President

Absent:

Ms. Patty Hobbs, Director, Public Relations
Mr. Don Killingsworth, Director of Government Relations
Dr. Alicia Simmons, Director, Institutional Research and Assessment

Guests:

Mr. Terry Casey, Director, Student Life
Ms. Martha Mitchell, Director, Admissions

Old Business:

1. Minutes of the January 6, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.
2. There were no other items of old business.

New Business

1. Dr. Turner reported on Spring 2010 semester enrollments (handout). She thanked Dean Sarah Latham for increased enrollments in her college. Numbers show that overall we are down by 1 student compared to Spring 2009 semester. Trends are looking better, with some categories up. The new scholarship strategy will help with future numbers.
2. Dr. Krejci reported that Faculty Senate still awaits word on the status of the faculty rank of distinguished professor.
3. Mr. Whaley reported that the Judicial Board has two justice positions open for traffic court. There will be a blood drive February 3-4. Organizational Council is working on a Haiti Relief fund. SGA on Ice is coming up. Elections will be held on March 2 online. IFC recruitment and Higher Education Day are also upcoming.
4. Dr. Delap presented an appeal for early reinstatement from a student currently on dismissed status and granted early reinstatement before. The appeal was denied unanimously, with the further stipulation that the student wait out the full one-year period before returning to classes in Spring semester of 2011. The student is to be advised to consult with Mr. Andy Green, Director, Academic Advisement, upon his return (after waiting one calendar year).
5. Guests Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Casey reported on Early Bird Registration (handout). Dates and times are provided on the handout. Orientation advisors will provide advisement, along with Mr. Andy Green. The day concludes with lunch. March 27 Preview Day information was also provided, for which Ms. Rose has already sent out requests for participation. Dr. Turner noted that early registration gives us a good idea which classes are filling quickly. Transfer students are not limited to the dates listed and will be assisted by Mr. Green and Ms. Moore in ACE.
6. Dr. Wade presented and moved for approval of a recommendation from the deans for establishing the honorary rank of Distinguished Affiliate Professor, to address a request from a partner institution in China. The recommended rank follows a model currently employed by Troy University. It is not anticipated that awardees would teach on our campuses in the US. Dr. Fielding seconded and the recommendation was approved unanimously.
7. There was no further old business.

Announcements

Mr. Houston announced that email conversion concerns have been reviewed and that archived emails will still be available. Local desktop clients, however, will be eliminated in support of a common platform, Zimbra, which is to be the new GEM. Training has aided greatly in migrating records. A link will be made available to request further migration. Dr. Krejci expressed appreciation, and Dr. Turner remarked on the new platform's ease of use.

Ms. Osterbind announced that reregistration is ongoing. Only 358 students were voided from classes for nonpayment, the lowest number ever.

Dr. Krejci announced that Faculty Senate will meet on January 25 at 3:15 p.m. in the Library.

Mr. Whaley announced that students need to provide their identification cards to participate in SGA-sponsored events.

Dr. Pugliese announced that Dr. Carr was in the hospital after experiencing a fall at home. A Thursday or Friday discharge from hospital is possible. Cards are welcome.

Dr. Hammett announced that Agency and School Counseling programs received CACREP accreditation for 8 years. Two department head searches are under way.

Dr. Delap announced that a new Coordinator for Student-Athlete Academic Advisement, Ms. Janet More, has been hired.

Mr. Whitmore announced that Phase II of the food contract implementation is under way, involving the Food Court in TMB (May-July). New furniture for the Library Lobby has arrived and will be in place shortly.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Delap, AVPAA