

Academic Council Minutes
Gold Room – Bibb Graves Hall
June 16, 2010

Present:

Dr. Rebecca Turner, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
Mr. Vinson Houston, Acting Vice President for Information Technology
Dean Bill Carr, College of Graduate Studies & Continuing Educ.
Dean Bill Fielding, College of Commerce & Business Administration
Dean John-Bauer Graham, Library Services
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
Mr. Joe Whitmore, Director, Institutional Support Services
Ms. Misty Cobb, Director of Distance Learning
Ms. Patty Hobbs, Director, Public Relations
Ms. Kelly Osterbind, Registrar
Mr. Greg Bonds, Assistant Director, Athletics, Compliance
Dr. Paul Beezley, Faculty Senate President
Mr. Tim Long, SGA President

Absent:

Dr. Joe Delap, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Frank King, Associate Vice President for Distance Education
Dr. Tim King, AVPEMSA
Dr. Alicia Simmons, Director, Institutional Research and Assessment
Mr. Greg Bonds, Assistant Director, Athletics, Compliance
Mr. Don Killingsworth, Director of Government Relations

Old Business:

1. Minutes of the May 19, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.
2. Dr. Turner reported that summer enrollment is up with the exception of the six week terms, and that the reasons seem to be varied for the increase.
3. Dr. Turner also reported that the Fall numbers are down a bit in first-time freshman and overall but that transfers are up and may increase further.

New Business:

1. Dr. Beezley reported that the Faculty Senate has no issues since they are not currently meeting.
2. Tim Long reported that Orientation had a few problems but that it still received a 93% favorable rating. Dr. Turner reminded the group that there will be receptions at 4:00 p.m.

every Tuesday and Thursday in the Coxwell room during orientation to meet the parents of the orientation students.

3. Dr. Turner had some complaints about the dates and deadlines in the Summer terms. Kelly Osterbind explained what she knew of the complaints. The problem is that the dates for all May terms, 4,6,8,&12 week all have the same drop dates as do all terms that start on the same day. This was because the Ad Hoc committee on the calendar thought there were too many dates. Kelly Osterbind will propose some alternatives for the deans to consider.
4. Dr. Wade asked for approval of the changes in the English Placement score from 17 to 18 which led to a discussion of the Math placement scores and the prerequisite issue for MS 112.
5. Dr. King had provided a hand out of the procedure for Emergency notification. Building managers will have training and perhaps some others. Dr. Turner reported that the Deans had met with the police and asked that they compile a short list of people to receive immediate notification so that they can take the appropriate action.

Announcements:

Misty Cobb reminded the group that DL is seeking feedback in the evaluation of the Black board system and they take the feedback seriously.

John-Bauer Graham told of the digitization of the yearbooks and other university publications.

Dr. Fielding said that the budget committee does not have a lot of money but we would do the best we can with what we have.

Dr. Wade reminded us that ACHE will meet at the end of the week about the proposed doctorate in Emergency Management. The proposal would then hopefully be approved by SACS and offered in the Fall of 2011.

Patty Hobbs reminded us to let her know when things were happening so that she could get the word out.

Dr. Latham told of her successful fundraiser for the Canup Professorship. In spite of terrible weather they raised \$93,000 and are hopeful about a potential grant.

Dr. Turner told the group that she toured the stadium expansion and that it is impressive. Dr. Beezley told of his tour and all were very favorable about the addition of this building to our campus.

Dr. Turner said that Tim Long will make a proposal to the board for two pavilions for students.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Osterbind, Registrar