1. Reaffirmation Progress Report

James Standley

Dr. Standley and Tara Newman attended a SACS workshop during the summer, focusing on student achievement, transfer credit, accountability, and accreditation provisions.

There are sixteen key areas that SACS will look at in our compliance report.

A five year interim report is now required.

It is now required that we show due process in relation to student complaints. It is not enough that we have a policy, we must show case studies and examples. Dr. Standley is writing a compliance report with Carrie Brown, any examples of written complaints/response should be sent to Dr. Standley.

2. Freshman Orientation Dates 2010

The following dates have been approved for orientation 2010.

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3. Service Learning Grants

Dr. Berry asked the deans to encourage faculty to apply for service learning grants.

Mini grants will continue this year for innovations in teaching and research involving students and research in assessment process.

4. Grade Points

Dr. Berry received a complaint from a student in Biology, she had been told she needed a certain number of grade points. Using this term confuses the students and Dr. Berry asked that the deans not use this terminology but
explain that their GPA is too low.

5. Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Report

Dr. Berry and Dr. Brunson attended the recent Coordinating Board meeting in Austin and reported the following points:

- Ph.D. in School Psychology was approved.
- Rules have changed for all programs and administrative changes, except doctoral or engineering, we no longer need preliminary approval. After it is approved by our Board and sent to Coordinating Board, they have thirty days to make any objections, after which it is automatically approved. This will streamline the process.
- New section Chapter 5 rules:
  - We must have a process to assess existing programs, the Coordinating Board staff will audit. This is a way to root out non-productive programs.
  - Coordinating Board are changing their focus and will reinforce new approaches we need to take.

6. House Bill 2504

Coordinating Board are currently developing rules and posting for comment, Dr. Berry stressed the importance for us to comment.

The Bill requires that certain information is available on our web site and must be only three clicks away from our home page and searchable by keywords. Some of the items are syllabi and faculty vitas, these have to be available for two years and posted no later than the seventh day after first class day. Student evaluations are required for every course, every section, every time, including dual credit.

We have to produce a plan to for this by fall 2010, it doesn’t actually need to be done by that date. The rules will be posted August 7 and available for comment for thirty days, it will then go to the October board meeting for approval.

House Bill 2480
Dual credit, this will allow ISD’s not serviced by an area community college to request dual credit from another university.

House Bill B28009
Dual Credit, if community college is unable to assist and ISD with a request for dual credit the university will assist.

Dr. Berry will email and advise when the rules are out for comment.

7. Registration 2010

Fee changes will presented to the Board in January 2010, this will enable us to register earlier, which will be a necessity with Banner coming on line. Registration for summer 2010 will be in Plus and for fall 2010 in Banner.
Registration dates have been set:

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8. Any Other Business

Dr. Murphy reported that we have two, possibly three candidates for the position of International Director who will visit campus. They will give their vision statement to the whole campus during their visit.

Dr. Berry will be sending each dean individual information on core assessment, we have been using the same criteria for several years and there are some concerns that need to be addressed.

Dr. Berry would like to meet with all department chairs and core assessment coordinators to discuss some general concerns.

9. Program Review Policy A64  
Brian Murphy

The policy committee has met weekly for the past two and a half months. Their goal was to try to align the program review policy with the SACS accreditation timeline.

The policy states that colleges may utilize accreditation reports in lieu of program review however, if extra data is needed, that will need to be submitted in an additional response.

An entire department will now be on the same cycle and the review process has been changed to include every department in the university.

There was some discussion on using external reviewers, this would only affect some areas as most departments are already reviewed by accrediting bodies.

Some additional changes regarding external reviewers will be added to the policy and return to the next deans council for final approval.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday August 19, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. – Academic Affairs Retreat