

Joint Deans Council/Academic Director Meeting

June 21, 2017

1. Online Courses Compensation Brian Murphy

Dr. Murphy explained some online classes where faculty own rights to the course. If they leave they can take the course with them, they may also prohibit others from teaching, he explained this can hinder the increase of online classes. Megan Weatherly asked for a list of these courses and she would discuss with Mary Smith and get back to the deans.
  
2. Multidisciplinary Program Development Brian Murphy

Dr. Murphy asked for an update on his proposal of multidisciplinary program, Dr. Bullard said that the finalized document including dates and names should be reviewed at July deans council.
  
3. Academic advisor career ladder Janet Tareilo

Dr. Tareilo introduced the final draft of the academic advisor career ladder from HR, which included positions and salary grades. This will be sent electronically to the deans.. This item will be returned to July dean's council.
  
4. 85<sup>th</sup> Legislature Update Mary Nelle Brunson

Dr. Brunson explained changes unfolding in the 85<sup>th</sup> legislature, including several bills relating to dual credit, requirement to develop MOU/AA for all programs, limited to offering foreign language or core classes for dual credit. With this bill they are stepping heavily into developmental education. A lot of reporting will be required. Dr. Brunson will send an electronic summary when we receive the final.
  
5. Enrollment Increase at: Steve Bullard

Baylor University  
University of Houston

Texas State University

Tarleton University

One of the Regents requested an update on enrollment increases for the schools listed above. Dr. Bullard asked if anyone had information. One of our deans stated SFA housing costs are higher than other schools and that we are not flexible.

6. Enrollment Action Report

Megan Weatherly

Megan gave an update on enrollment action report, deadline is June 28<sup>th</sup> for all information. Dr. Childs asked what the target audience will be for this report.? Dr. Bullard stated it was an internal report for deans, regents, not for outside SFA. It will always be a continuing work in progress.

7. Budget update

Dr. Bullard thanked the deans and directors for submitting their worksheets, with such a short turnaround. These have now been submitted to the budget office however, he stressed that Academic Affairs had not yet met the reduction total, we are still about \$200,000 short. Therefore reductions are not over.

We are adding 16 lectureship positions, based on projected increase and revenue. Last year a number of students who attended the last orientation session but could not sign up for classes, made the decision not to come to SFA. These additional positions are a way to help this.

8. Thanksgiving Holiday

This is the first year with our new holiday schedule, labor day and Easter Monday will not be holidays this year. Therefore, students and faculty will be off for an entire week for Thanksgiving. The situation for staff is being reviewed and we are looking at options. We MAY close for the entire week, which will help with energy savings. If that is approved staff will need to take an extra day of comp time or vacation. We are also reviewing the Christmas break. This will be finalized and

approved at the July board meeting.

9. Any Other business

The capital campaign proposal will be discussed at the July board meeting .

All board meetings will now begin on Sunday afternoon with an executive session.

Orientation went well. After our third orientation we will have true comparison in enrollment.

A pilot of pre-built schedules for freshmen in psychology, pre- professional and Gen Jacks, was introduced at orientation, with fairly positive results from students.

Dr. Abbott asked about faculty who are not on campus during their nine month contract or not on campus during the summer. How do we manage workman's comp? Are they covered during the summer. We will ask EAB to look into this , what we find out could be part of a faculty senate conversation and faculty handbook. We bring this item back to a future meeting when we have more details.

Mike coffee explained when faculty leave for the summer their access is cut off but they may be coming back (for instance visiting professor). Often they do not know until closer to the beginning of semester.

Dr. Bullard stated the board meeting on Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 9:30 will be discussing enrollment planning. Two deans will speak on retention.

**Deans only but directors welcome to stay if want to.**

John provided information on class sizes and noted there are currently 700

students who cannot enroll for classes they need. Over 100 of those are 100 level courses.

Texas State enrollment has gone up because they are holding larger sections. SFA ratio 18-1 faculty to student. The question was asked, when students look at SFA but don't come, where they are going number one is Texas State.

John Calahan is looking at changing our subscription with TracDat and LiveText.

NBC learn membership will end after this final year of our contract.

Dr. Bisping is looking at other locations for the sports business program, including Lonestar.

Attendees:

- Abbott, Judy, Dean College of Education
- Berry, Ric, Dean Graduate School
- Bisping, Tim, Dean College of Business
- Brunson, Mary Nelle, Associate Provost
- Bullard, Steve, Provost
- Coffee, Mike, Interim Director ITS
- Cooper, Dana, Director SSC
- Cossich, Monique, Executive Director, Enrollment Management
- Childs, Kim, Dean College of Sciences & Mathematics
- Dickerson, Shirley, Director of Library
- Garrett, Rachele, Director Financial Aid
- Hanlon, Jennifer, Interim Director ORSP
- Himes, Buddy, Dean College of Fine Arts
- Murphy, Brian, Dean College of Liberal & Applied Arts
- Shannon, Joe, Director University Partnerships

- Tareilo, Janet, Associate Provost
- Weatherly, Megan, Liaison for Strategic Plan
- Williams, Hans, Interim Dean College of Forestry & Agriculture