

Academic Affairs Council  
October 30, 2019

1. **Board Meeting Update**

Steve Bullard

Dr. Bullard gave an update from the board meeting earlier this week. The regents toured the Fine Arts building, made significant decisions. Increased budget for that building to \$50 million. Money taken from “One Stop Shop” temporarily.

Each VP, as well as Erma Brecht and Anthony Espinoza made presentations and summarized enrollment initiatives. Erma presented the eight metrics on the dashboard. Semester Credit Hour (SCH) production does not look good. They discussed what is being done, both are part of the Tiger Team whose charge is to increase SCH by 5%.

350 dual credit high school students were on campus for an event earlier this week. 52% of them received campus IDs and more wanted them. We are looking at a way to take the ID station on the road.

There will be another “Living like a Lumberjack” for 9-11 grade in spring 2020 – dates to follow.

The drop in Graduate enrollment was a major discussion also. M.Ed. and Ed leadership were down around 200. Pauline Sampson is chairing an ad-hoc group to see what we can change in graduate school to improve things

Dr. Abbott said the graduate faculty need to understand that graduate assistantships are more for recruitment, rather than help with their own research.

A new agreement was signed with ROTC.

The Board is taking a careful look at all our waivers and exemptions. Our budget is based on 328,000 SCH but at this time, we are not generating same number. Dr. Bullard asked for thoughts on why we are struggling with SCH.

Some responses were:

Part time grad students and dual credit – now taking core classes in high school.

New financial aid requirements. Students coming in with college credits is actually hurting them because of the lack of financial aid available to them.

Our tuition is relatively high and we are under scholar shipped.

More and more students are coming from financially disadvantaged families.

Residence hall fill rate is down below 90%, and they built their budget on a 92% fill rate.

2. **Budget Cuts/Savings** Steve Bullard  
An email was sent out to all deans and directors asking them to provide savings/budget cuts to Alisha Collins by 5pm, October 30 in order for Dr. Bullard to present this to Dr. Gordon at the Cabinet Meeting on November 5. Alisha sent a list of all vacant positions to the deans and directors for their review.

3. **Associate Provost Search** Steve Bullard  
Last week we interviewed two candidates for Associate Provost position, Joyce Johnston and Michael Janusa, they both did an outstanding job. Dr. Bullard was told at cabinet meeting on Tuesday to make savings and as a result has decided to put a “freeze” on this position. An email will go out across campus.

4. **Centers Renewals** Pauline Sampson  
Dr. Sampson stated we have ten centers coming up for renewal this year. A form must be completed if the center is to be dissolved. She asked for the dean’s help, if they want the center to continue, it must show financial viability and a five-year report will need to be completed through Nuventive.

5. **The QEP Financial Wellness Survey** John Calahan  
John Calahan provided information on a student financial wellness survey students have received, we currently have 1.5% return rate. He asked the deans for their assistance in requesting faculty to encourage students to complete.

6. **Institutional Planning and Effectiveness Update** John Calahan  
November 1 is the deadline 2018/2019 results submitted into Nuventive. We still have some missing data from 2017/2018 academic year data. For upcoming year 2019/2020 we would like data on new objectives, to be submitted in June 2020.

John’s office are working with Nuventive, they have a significant platform change which will be demonstrated to the deans next week.

We have to make sure what is listed in the bulletin matches what we are doing, as far as degree plans/number of hours.

Dr. Guidry stressed how important it will be to have the 2019/2020 data completed by June.

7. **Update on Reimagining Undergraduate Advising Committee** Marc Guidry  
Dr. Guidry gave an update on the committee’s progress and gave copies to the deans.

He would like to identify someone in each college to help with Navigate (EAB) and they will probably receive 0.25 FTE reassignment. He is looking for representatives from each college.

EAB will be re-launched in Spring, 2020. Erma asked if different advising for distance

students had been discussed. Dr. Guidry will ask Raquel Skidmore to look at this.

#### 8. **Any Other Business**

Rachele Garrett reported the Scholarship app for 2020/2021 opened on September 1, 2019, and we are already receiving applications. Reviews for scholarships can begin December 2, two trainings will be offered on the new scholarship database.

She said the Development office will send emails out to fund owners to make sure they select their dollar amounts they want to award. Last year this happened late so we are hoping this it can be completed in December, so we can make our scholarship offers earlier in the year.

Dr. Gordon would like a scholarship offer to go to students with their acceptance letter.

Congratulations to Jonathan Helmke, named as new Director of Ralph Steen Library, effective November 1, 2019.

On Monday 11/4 a survey will be sent out named SPIES (Strategic Planning Implementation Effectiveness Survey). Dr Pat Sanaghan suggested this survey. It is to look at the effectiveness of our strategic planning.

Karyn Hall made everyone aware of a new data visualization available at their website <http://www.sfasu.edu/ir/> . One for credit hours, and one faculty workload report which are presented to board. She will be happy to work with each dean to give them directions.

Dr. Murphy reported that the College of Liberal and Applied Arts just received their second endowed professorship this year.

#### **DEANS ONLY**

Dr. Abbott presented her plan for reorganization of the College of Education.

She asked the deans to review and consider the following points:

1. Enlarge the name of the college to reflect the scope of the degrees and majors offered by the academic units.

Recommendation: James I Perkins College of Education, Allied Health Services & Human Ecology

2. Reorganize the academic units to reflect more contemporary groupings of degrees and majors preparing undergraduate and graduate students for current and future careers in Texas and for organizational efficiencies

Recommendation:

Establish three academic units

- School of Education Studies
- School of Human Services and Leadership Studies
- School of Exercise, Health & Consumer Sciences  
(tentative)

- (a) Phase 1: reorganize the degrees and majors in three academic units – Department of Elementary Education, Department of Human Services, Department of Secondary Education into two academic units:
  - Department of Education Studies
  - Department of Human Services & Leadership Studies
- (b) Phase 2: to be developed and proposed at a later date: reorganize the degrees and majors in two academic units – Department of Kinesiology and Health Science, School of Human Sciences – into one academic unit:
  - School of Exercise, Health & Consumer Sciences

This will be discussed further at dean's council next week. We can wait on the College name change but Judy is hoping to take the department changes for approval at the January board meeting.

*Attendees:*

*Steve Bullard*  
*Sharon Brewer*  
*Lesa Beverly*  
*Buddy Himes*  
*Brian Murphy*  
*Pauline Sampson*  
*Karyn Hall*  
*Anthony Espinoza*  
*M.E. McWilliam (part)*  
*Megan Weatherly*  
*Judy Abbott*  
*Mike Tkacik*  
*Joe Shannon*  
*Janet Tareilo*  
*Kenneth Farrish*  
*Tim Bisping*  
*John Calahan*  
*Rachele Garrett*  
*Raquel Skidmore (part)*  
*Alisha Collins*  
*Gary Wurtz*  
*Jonathan Helmke*  
*Erma Brecht*  
*Kim Childs*  
*Marc Guidry*