Deans Council
October 24, 2012

- **CAPP Degree Evaluation**
  Geralyn Franklin
  Dr. Franklin expressed some concerns when one of her advisors attended a meeting and was told the CAPP system will no longer be supported by the manufacturer and many other schools are moving to Degree Works. At the meeting, IT announced that SFA will continue to use CAPP and it will be supported internally. At another meeting there was discussion concerning a product called Scheduler. Dr. Berry was not aware of any decisions made on either of these issues and will investigate further and advise the deans.

- **Enrollment**
  Dr. Berry encouraged the deans to start really looking at enrollment and retention, as we are heading toward performance based funding. This year, statewide, universities only added 12,000 students. In particular we need to increase online programs. We have seen a great deal of success in some online graduate programs, it would be good to replicate in other areas. Dr. Berry will be calling a summit meeting of all online programs, to discuss strategies and ways to increase enrollment. We will be seeing increased pressure from board to get some action. One suggestion was to have our core offered completely on-line. Dr. Brunson reminded the deans that curriculum is really a year round process if trying to get a new program. Contact should be made with Dr. Brunson if there are courses that can be put on-line, she can check the regulations. If 25% students are online we must notify the Coordinating Board, for above 50% students, we must get approval.

- **Project Management Office (PMO)**
  When we began implementing the Banner System, the Project Management Office was set up to help with the management of IT. Now that Banner is up and running, we want to make use of PMO. For example, in parking and traffic they are going to establish a new ticketing procedure, it is best to get approval from IT on the front end rather than go in blindly. Do not leave ITS as an afterthought. Any kind of project at any level can be handled through PMO. A web page will soon be available. We just have to coordinate what we do a little better.

- **Any Other Business**
  - Dr. Murphy gave an update on the Middle Eastern Conference held at Magnolia Hotel in Houston on 18 and 19 October. There were twelve speakers from various countries as well as U.S. Ambassador for Egypt.
  - College of Business have speed networking event on November 15, Advisory Board on November 16 and on 17 November recent alumni advisory council, focusing conversations on facility use, changing some procedures, and centralised buying.
On November 8 the College of Liberal and Applied Arts are also holding a speed networking event, alumni loved it last year, the college kept them for dinner and got feedback based on their interviews. The College of Liberal and Applied Arts are also hosting a graduate research conference this year and perhaps use as recruitment vehicle. Launching strategic plan, have alumni advisory group working on that.

Texas Undergraduate Math Conference on campus this weekend. Dr. Childs has now talked with the Coordinating Board about offering an engineering degree, we are getting some pushback but she will keep us updated.

Dr. Himes reported that it has been busy in Fine Arts, Music and Theatre teamed up for Little Shop of Horrors.

David Justus reported that construction is well under way in the library.

Dr. Pattillo will soon name a new strategic plan committee, same structure as last, which will include a Regent. Also working on admission standards.

Date of Next Meeting
Academic Affairs Council, November 7, 2012.

Attendees:
Ric Berry  Mary Nelle Brunson  Judy Abbott
Dale Perritt  Brian Murphy  Buddy Himes
David Justus  Kim Childs  Geralyn Franklin