The meeting began at 2:30pm in room 273D of the Ferguson Building. People in attendance included the following:

Dr. Kwame Antwi-Boasiako (Government)
Dr. Freddie Avant (Social Work)
Dr. Mark Barringer (History)
Dr. Linda Bond (College Council)
Ms. Dixie Groll (Dean's Office)
Marc Guidry (Associate Dean)
Dr. John Hendricks (Media Communication)
Dr. Scott Hutchens (Psychology)
Dr. Mike Martin (Multidisciplinary Programs)
LTC David Miller (Military Science)
Dr. Brian Murphy (Dean)
Dr. Mark Sanders (English)
Dr. Robert Szafran (Social & Cultural Analysis)
Dr. Jeana Paul-Urena (Languages, Cultures, & Communication)

Dean Brian Murphy introduced Dr. Joyce Johnston who provided an update on the review of college and departmental unit assessment plans for the upcoming academic year. Since new unit plans have been adopted, Dr. Johnston’s committee will review these draft plans and forward feedback.

Dr. Robert Szafran delivered an update on the proposed core curriculum. Mr. Perry Moon and Dr. Mark Sanders reported on how the assessment of the core curriculum is proceeding. The chairs had many questions, particularly on the assessment of communication skills.

Dean Murphy reminded the chairs that all academic units must develop recruitment and retention plans. An ad hoc committee has been established at the college level that will prepare a plan for the college. This plan will be sent to the chairs no later than October 15th and should be used as a template for departmental plans, which are due on November 4th. Departmental plans should be forwarded to Dean Murphy who will bundle them and transmit them collectively to the Provost.

Dean Murphy announced that Dr. Joyce Johnston has agreed to serve as director of the college’s pre-law camp scheduled for June, 2014. Associate Dean Marc Guidry discussed the new electronic course proposal format and the process for revising the undergraduate and graduate bulletins.

Dean Murphy walked the chairs through the deadlines for the tenure and promotion process. Associate Dean Marc Guidry presented two options developed by an ad hoc committee for revising the College Requirement section of the undergraduate bulletin to align with the new core curriculum. The chairs elected to modify the first option. The ad hoc committee’s proposal will be sent to the College Council for its input along with the chair’s preference for a modification of the first option.

Dean Murphy provided updates on the ad hoc Advising Committee and the draft of a study by the Center for a Livable World for the city of Nacogdoches.

The meeting concluded at 4:24.