

Academic Affairs Council

January 11, 2012

1. Desire2Learn Randy McDonald

The board of regents met before the holidays and approved the expenditure for the D2L contract. We will be migrating to new management system, which was installed locally over Christmas. Request to faculty to ask exactly what courses need to be migrated to the new system. Training will be offered in February so faculty can move from Blackboard. We will go live in summer for new system. Thursday, January 26th at 2pm rollout event with reps from D2L in the Twilight Ballroom. BOR met and approved expenditure for contract.
2. 5th Year SACS Review Larry King

We were reaffirmed by SACS in December, 2011 with no monitoring reports. We do have 5th year report, with two areas to pay special attention and provide extra justification; educational support units and research. Dr. King wanted to remind everyone that we need to continue our work in assessment, particularly in those two. New person in office working with QEP and assessment, her name is Dan Su.
3. European Studies Consortium Program Heather Catton

Study abroad program been working under the leadership of Dr. Murphy with SFA and Kilgore, we hope to expand to at least five institutions. Will start European Studies Consortium Program in summer 2013, need to recruit our faculty. Heather asked deans to get word out to faculty - an information sheet is available.
4. Policies Steve Bullard
 - Wireless Communication Devices (F-42)
this used to be called cell phone policy, but now includes other wireless devices. The policy committee worked with John Armstrong and Paul Davis. *Policy was approved by AAC.*
 - Wireless Networking (F-42)
Policy approved by AAC.
 - Ed & Gwen Cole Art Center & Griffith Gallery (B-36)
policy committee worked with Dr. Himes, he explained changes. *Policy was approved by AAC.*
 - Policies will be submitted for approval to the Board at January 2012 meeting.
5. Any Other business
 - Board of Regents will meet January 30 & 31, 2012. Academic Affairs will present:
Rose Bruford students
Jack walkers
People involved in SACS reaffirmation
Regents will tour renovated T.V. studio Monday 30 at 1.30 .

Dr. Berry and Dr. Brunson will give a report on Academic Partnerships.

Update on Columbia center.

Report on where we are with mobile device security.

Commissioner Perez will give presentation, open to public.

- Karyn Hall provided some information from US News world report, on online teaching. Dr. Berry will send out to the committee.
- Carrie Brown asked deans to remind faculty that Bright Idea admissions deadlines are in February, there is a link on ORSP web page.
Also faculty research grants, applications available due to ORSP by March 9, 2012.
- Updates from QEP.
- Dr. Abbott reported a practice run for the early college experience with Woden was a great success

6. Date of Next Meeting:

Academic Affairs Council, February 8, 2012.