

Directors meeting
January 17, 2018

1. **Student Success Center**

Dana Cooper

Dr. Cooper gave an update on the Student Success Center (SSC) and distributed a handout. Academic Advising are now offering Peer Mentoring, students must be work-study eligible, and this is a THECB requirement. They have successfully collaborated with Financial Aid and the AARC.

Dr Cooper stated that she has not yet filled Dr. Clipson's position in SFA101 and Gloria Montes had now also left that program, therefore she is looking at reorganization. We are increasing number of sections SFA 301 and will offer as online class as there are a large number of transfer students that are 100% online..

Chelsea Heidbrink gave update on Gen Jacks, Smith Hudson and Buddy Low Scholars. She reported we graduated our first Gen Jacks in December 2017. Looking at possibility of First Gen orientation for students next summer. John Calahan recommended someone from SSC join Dr. Abbott's course scheduling committee, Dr. Bullard agreed.

2. **Common Course Numbering**

Lynda Langham

Following on from a discussion at Deans Council last week it has been agreed to pursue Common Course Numbering at SFA, with a planned implementation of fall 2019. Dr. Brunson will form a committee to address this issue.

3. **Online Catalog**

Mary Nelle Brunson

An item to be approved at the January board meeting is the purchase of software to streamline curriculum and online catalog, replacing two antiquated systems. Therefore there will be NO paper catalog printed this year, it will be made available online.

4. **Dean of Research and Graduate Studies**

Steve Westbrook

Dr. Bullard announced that Dr. Pauline Sampson is the new Dean of Research and Graduate Studies, he thanked everyone for input provided on this search committee.

5. **Any Other Business**

We are trying to provide a solution for classroom maintenance/ who is responsible for upkeep, projector bulbs etc. There is currently no fund for this but if bulbs are needed you should contact Mike Coffee who may have spare. Further information on replacement funds will be forthcoming.

Dr. Mary Nelle Brunson announced she will be retiring August 31, 2018.

Dr. Bullard informed the deans of a Transformative Learning Conference in Edmunds, OK and encouraged people to attend, the Provost may be able to help with some funding.

Dr. Bullard received an email from the Coordinating Board regarding Texas Affordable Baccalaureate (TAB) Program , this initiative was started by Rick Perry , to offer a \$10,000 degree. They are requesting proposals to develop and implement new TAB. Dr. Bullard will forward the email to deans and directors.

Attendees:		
Steve Bullard	Janet Tareilo	Mary Nelle Brunson
Sharon Brewer	Valerie Harrell	John Calahan
Chelsea Heidbrink	Dana Cooper	Mary Smith
Lynda Langham	Mike Tkacik	Le'Ann Solmonson
Robbie Stewart	Shirley Dickerson	Joe Shannon