

Academic Affairs Meeting
March 22, 2017

1. Financial Aid Update

Rachele gave an update on financial aid.

2. Betsy Barefoot Undergraduate Experience

There have been four plenary sessions, the fifth one is next Tuesday 28th pm and Betsy Barefoot will be in attendance. Megan Weatherly explained what happened in the first four sessions, finally developed concrete proposals and there are 13 of them and VPs will respond to those next week. They are posted online.

Dr. Barefoot will be here all day on 28th we have various meetings scheduled, including lunch and then she will attend the fifth plenary session.

9:00 a.m. deans associate deans and chairs 10am chairs and team leaders. Lunch
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2:00 p.m. Dr. Bullard asked her to speak to the “why” of the book. There will be action on some, some we will need more information. VPs did not sit in on plenary sessions as they did not want to influence any of the discussions or topics raised.

Some directors felt like some of the ideas have been discussed before and nothing had happened and felt they were expecting something bigger. Dr. Bullard understood this but explained the difference this time, is that all VPs are engaging and really trying to make these things happen. We have had four chat with provost meetings this year.

3. Update on Strategic plan

Trying to establish a positive experience for students and a team of faculty on how we measure that. Foundational goal of meaningful enrollment growth. This is a measure of how we are doing.

Megan gave an update, there should be a final decision made on professional growth for staff soon.

Some other results will be coming out soon.

New teams - instructional materials looking at bringing down costs for students. They will present April 7th.

Improving financial literacy for students and family's

Employee leadership and social events, breakfast and happy hour.

Few teams have completed their work and some are still going on and new groups

being formed.

4. Any Other Business

Showcase Saturday - 25th March.

Dr. Bullard asked John Calahan to provide an update on facilities planning project. Gave the company lots of data and five years of academic program data, so they can gauge which programs are trending up or down in enrollment. Followed up by interviews to director and above asking questions about what their organization does etc. Meeting with directors, once they have completed all meetings and walk around they will produce a report to present to president and VPs they will be offering short and long term options on how to better use space on campus. A draft will be distributed and a chance to comment and make changes before final report is presented.

Recommendation from faculty senate/chairs forum need ombudsman position ? Asked if anyone around the table has experience with them. Monique said in her experience at previous college they had one for students. It was put on hold as HR said they did all of those things, however, it is now coming back round for discussion. Their proposal is that a faculty member would have quarter time release and to do this.

Mary Nelle submitted the SACS fifth year report before to spring break. We will not hear anything until December, they will visit in June. Second part of the report is due by end of March, which has two areas cited in the fifth year report, both regarding assessment.

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Jennifer Hanlon	Megan Weathery	Heather Catton	John Hendricks
Dana Cooper	Monique Cossich	Sharon brewer	