

Academic Affairs Council
May 8, 2019

1. **Faculty Credentials Update**

Karyn Hall

Karyn gave an update on the faculty credential process in readiness for SACs reaffirmation she is working with the Provost office and the dean's offices. Dr. Bullard asked about SFA101 instructors, many of them are staff. Dr. Guidry explained they are required to have at least 18 hours of course work at graduate level, which must be course specific.

Karyn also provided a graphic on formula funding, Dr. Bullard said this was very helpful.

Karyn provided copies of the most recent Fast Facts.

2. **Writing of the CCR**

Paul Henley & Shauna Attaway

Paul and Shauna gave an update on writing progress.

3. **Commencement Regalia/Hooding of Doctoral Students**

Judy Abbott

Dr. Abbott bought the following recommendations for approval by the deans:

i) Academic personnel on the platform be allowed to wear full regalia during commencement

ii) Requesting hooding ceremony for doctoral students - candidate advisor or dissertation chair be allowed to be a part of the hooding ceremony.

Dr. Bullard will discuss with Dr. Westbrook. *After discussion the second item will be adopted effective May 2019 graduation.*

4. **QEP Update**

Marc Guidry

Dr. Guidry wanted to recognize the fine work that Karyn Hall and her office are doing and stated we are way ahead of where we were at the last reaffirmation. We are also way head on writing.

Paul provided an overall flow chart explaining the process. The QEP committee have their first meeting today to look at topic of reducing student debt. They will look at what the committee is able to do, perhaps help provide a guide for graduates on how to pay off debt. Rachele explained one of the major priorities is financial literacy, educating the student about how this will affect them.

5. **Curriculum Changes**

Marc Guidry

Dr. Guidry went through the various curriculum proposals approved by the board; the B.S. in Construction Management, Medical Humanities BA/BS, new MS in national security in the political science department, new graduate certificate for Non-Profit Management out of Government. Graduate certificate in teaching psychology. We are trying to move everything ahead as swiftly as possible.

6. Any Other Business

Dr. Bisping gave an update on the Flex MBA which will be launch in fall 2019, they will be finishing up pilots this summer and marketing. This is an example of meeting students where they are at.

Dr. Bullard explained that during yesterday's cabinet meeting Anthony Espinoza gave an update on software requests they receive. Highest priority is student enrollment and student availability, recommendation for PMO is university license for "Top Hat" to be available free. Megan Weatherly explained "Top Hat" has become major player in the market, providing textbooks that interact with the classroom.

Dr. Bullard said the Coordinating Board has sent a request for recommendation for the STAR awards, this will be sent to the deans for their consideration.

Dr. Reese gave update on the presidential search, committee are meeting over the next two weeks to choose top candidates. Dr. Bullard said there will probably be three or four campus interviews.

Dr. Bullard thanked Dr. Reese for his work as Faculty Senate Chair, today is his last meeting.

7. Date of Next Meeting

May 29, 2019

Attendees:

Steve Bullard

Marc Guidry

Kim Childs

Lesa Beverly

Buddy Himes

Brian Murphy

Pauline Sampson

Hans Williams

Judy Abbott

Karyn Hall

Jason Reese,

Heather Catton

Jonathan Helmke

Mike Tkacik

Tim Bisping

Rachele Garrett

Janet Tareilo

Sharon Brewer

Megan Weatherly

Joe Shannon

Paul Henley

Sauna Attaway