

Academic Affairs Council

June 27, 2012

1. Enbloc Discussion

Monique Cossich

Monique explained the background of the Enbloc program that was created by Deanna Martin and Mark Barringer and Dr Barringer explained how it will work. Trying to provide consistency and long term goal for Deanna to make database to enable automatic substitutions. Monique stated she will liaise with deans. This will take care of transfer credits when students first arrive and not waiting until graduation. Monique said once we open process this fall, be happy to add or streamline.

2. Conditional admission for international students

Ken Felts

Several years ago agreed to establish a category of admission particularly for grad students called conditional - situation where student not proficient in English to begin work in particular program but we can make judgment conditional upon achieving satisfactory level of proficiency. Ken Felts listed several programs that would not be available, i.e. online only. Conditional admission important because any sponsored student coming in, needs to have some guarantee that upon completion of English program will be admitted, this makes their visa application stronger.

Dr. Berry strongly encouraged departments to consider doing this and asked deans to think about how this could work within the departments.

3. "COS Pivot"

Carrie Brown

Considering purchasing service research development funding work tool called COS Pivot, a way for faculty to connect on campus, Dr. Brown gave an explanation of what the program does and explained this will give us many more opportunities, and put us in touch with other collaborators. Web demonstration to be held July 13th, any questions contact Dr. Brown. ORSP are also calling other Texas institutions that have this service. This is completely stand alone program.

4. Continuing Education Policy

Mary Nelle Brunson

This policy has been reviewed by Dr. Steve Westbrook, reorganized and simpler to read and understand. This was approved for submission to board.

5. Board of Regents meet 16 & 17 July, approval of mission statement.

6. Retreat Date

Academic Affairs Retreat scheduled August 15th, propose move to 17th.

7. Any Other Business

Dr. Berry acknowledged that Dr. Arnold is leaving SFA and Dr. Franklin will be interim dean.

Dr. Brunson stated she has received several EPAFs for graduate assistants, these will not be approved until after the budget is approved at the July board meeting, allocations have not yet been made.

Academic affairs presentation of orientation every Friday morning . New presentation has worked out well. Now at point where orientation has flattened out.

Dr. Randy McDonald reported D2L summer camp training available - encouraging new faculty to start.

Mike O'Rear announced we have made 8,500 awards for fall and spring.

Dr. Larry King put together calendar with all assessment activities on and passed to the committee, any comments to Larry King, this will also be on web page.

8. Date of next meeting: Deans Council, July 11, 2012