

Academic Affairs Council
September 12, 2012

1. TEDxSFA (Technology Education Design) Mark Turner
Mark Turner wants to make SFA synonymous with creativity and innovation, and is planning to hold TEDx event February 2, 2013 in theatre, student center - limited to 100 people. Mark Turner will attend TED Active in March 2013. Contact him with any questions, more information available at TED.com

2. Study abroad savings account Heather Catton
Completed a survey on study abroad, the number one reason for not attending is financial. Heather is suggesting a savings account, perhaps we could match what they save or half a percent? Deans could offer some incentive. Need to plan ahead and save for at least one year before travel date. The deans thought this is good idea, maybe students can use their difference checks. Most students are interested in traveling to Europe. Heather will investigate further and report back.

3. Early college high school update Mel Finkenberg
Woden and Nacogdoches are partnering, this semester students are taking Music and Communications, we are hoping to add Political Science next semester. School districts are now recruiting for fall 2013. Monitoring of performance and qualifications is responsibility of school district. We have around 60 students, no tuition cost but pay fees \$25 per semester credit hour.

4. Financial Aid Update Mike O'Rear
Financial Aid growth over five years was distributed to the committee. The amount financial aid \$4.8 million dollars, 11,000 students awarded this year.

We had a busy August with 16,000 calls and 2,500 students walk in. Grants are down \$1 million and loans up especially parent loans. In 2010/11 there was \$14 million in parent loans, for 2011/12 it was \$17 million. Changes to Pell grant, now capped at six years. Part of movement now is to cap loans.
Graduate students can only get unsubsidized loans with increased interest rate. Federal funding will only fund classes that are part of a degree program.

5. Enrollment update Monique Cossich
Today is census day, we will have final number mid-morning tomorrow. Monique reported we will be down in first time freshman, our increase in standards has worked and been successful. Last year freshmen headcount was 2,400, the third largest freshman class ever. We hope for good numbers on retention. Monique asked that the colleges develop relationships with high schools, she can provide top feeder list. Voice faculty have always been known to go out and make contact with potential students.

Dr. Franklin asked what we are doing to promote scholarships?

6. Any other business

Dr. Berry is waiting on one response on the core curriculum advisory committee and can then arrange the first meeting. There are representatives from every college, they will pass recommendations to deans council

We have been asked by Dr. Pattillo to begin the process of establishing strategic planning committee.

Dr. Pattillo is also considering a committee to look further at admissions standards.

Dr. Brunson submitted our new mission statement to the Coordinating Board.

We will make first presentation to LBB on 2/3 September to present our request. We have been instructed not to request an increase. Also star awards in Austin, we have no nominees this year.

The deans were asked to remind faculty to ensure syllabi is posted, we are way past deadlines. Also asked deans to encourage and remind new faculty to attend teacher training.

Repeat policy is still being reviewed.

Dr. Brunson asked the deans to deal with small size classes immediately, deadline is 5pm today.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Deans Council, September 26

Academic Affairs, October 10

Guests: Mel Finkenberg

Linda Bobo

Debbie Allen

Dan Su

Mark Turner

Teresa Coble