

Academic Affairs Council

- 1. Equifax Data Report for Graduates** John Calahan/Karyn Hall
John Calahan reported on Equifax data report at a cost per student, with different options available. With this information we can tell by cohort where our graduates are working, what they are making, where they live, and we can get customized information down to the degree program. This may worth pursuing not only for academic affairs but also for development and other areas of the university. Karyn Hall also detailed information on a FREE service called Texas CREWS which is state based, it does not provide as much detail but is still useful. These could potentially help you recruit in certain areas in line with 60x30 goals. If anyone is interested in either of these services please let Karyn or John know. Dr. Guidry asked Karyn prepare a couple of cost options, this could then be discussed further in terms of budget. The deans were asked to discuss with chairs.
- 2. Momentum Year Initiative** Marc Guidry
Dr. Guidry reported on “Momentum Year” coming out of Ad Astra, part of “Complete College America” consortium. Data shows that failure happens when students do not complete a satisfactory first year (finish 30 semester credit hours). A presentation at SACS showed increased probability of graduation by 19% if students have a momentum first year. Ad Astra can provide analytical component that will give us momentum year information, free of charge. We need to have definition into what some of those components need to be. In some areas we have very well defined maps but others we do not. John Calahan’s office will be contacting advisors to help get the right information so that a useful report could be generated. Deans were asked to discuss with chairs.

Rachele Garrett reported that 2019/2020 FAFSAs are already being processed and we should be able to award around 300 freshman students before the Christmas break.

Karyn Hall gave an update on House Bill 2504 (HB2504), which requires syllabus, CV, and student evaluations must be no more than three clicks for students, to comply with legislation and also will be verified by SACS. Student evaluations are lacking, we currently have 55 different templates which makes it difficult to get any consistency. By April 1 we will have course evaluations on line. A SACS resource manual can be viewed online at www.sacscoc.org.

- 3. Date of Next Meeting**
January 30, 2019

Deans Council

- 1. Course fee for Ropes Course** Steven Whitman/Ken Collier
Ken Morton and Steve Whitman from the Rec Center distributed information on ropes course available for faculty/staff to offer in conjunction classes such as SFA101. They provided course fee form with explanation that can be submitted if anyone is interested. There was discussion about how these courses build comradery and benefits any class. This would be helpful to measure teamwork in core curriculum and is also a highly marketable skill. For further details contact Ken or Steve.

2. **TCCNS Update** Meredith Baily/Lynda Langham
Update on TCCNS project that will take effect fall 2020 catalog.

3. **Policies** Kim Childs
Continuing Education (5.3) APPROVED
Course Grades (5.5) APPROVED
Fixed Amount Awards (8.12) APPROVED
Course Add Drop (6.10) APPROVED
Student Medical Appeals (6.24) FOR REVIEW BY POLICY COMMITTEE
Facilities and Administrative Indirect Cost Recovery (8.5) APPROVED

All policies were approved and will be sent for approval at the January board meeting. The new Student Medical Appeal policy was initially approved by the deans and will be reviewed in detail by Policy Committee.

Use of University Facilities (16.33) Discussion

University Affairs had asked for input from the deans on this policy, it will be reviewed by the policy committee.

4. **Online Course Stipends** Tim Bisping
Following a dean's forum this item was brought to dean's council by Dr. Bisping for further discussion. There are several issues to be reviewed in more detail. Mary Smith stated the Distance Education Committee has recently met; Brian Murphy and Hans Williams are the deans serving on this committee. There was a committee formed and survey completed a couple of years ago headed up by Dr. Kefa Onchoke, recommendations to reduce these payments in stages were made and it seemed this was the general view from the deans. The committee will review this and Mary Smith will report back to the deans.
More information is needed before further discussion, such as what the distance education fee is used for etc. It was agreed there needs to be open and transparent discussions, with information on what other institutions are doing. Megan Weatherly would like to be included in the discussion. Alisha Collins will look into the current use of DE funds.

5. **Linked Courses** Brian Murphy
Dr. Murphy explained that other institutions using Banner, are offering linked courses and he would like to look into this for SFA. A meeting to discuss this in detail including Rich Barnhart and Lynda Langham will be arranged, further information will be provided to dean's council.

6. **Update on non-tenure track career ladder** Buddy Himes
Dr. Himes submitted his recommendation on titles for the proposed non-tenure track career ladder for the deans review. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

7. **Potential honorary doctorate Ed Cole**
Dr. Bullard reported that Ed Cole has been nominated for an honorary Doctorate. A committee will be formed chaired by Dr. Bullard to review the information. Dr. Himes asked to be part of the committee.

8. Any Other Business

Karyn Hall reported that the results of the triennial evaluations carried out in early fall will be sent to the respective deans/directors by the end of this week.

9. Date of Next Meeting

January 9, 2019

Attendees:

Steve Bullard

Sharon Brewer

Kim Childs

Janet Tareilo

Judy Abbott

Marc Guidry

Tim Bisping

Shirley Dickerson

Heather Catton

Mike Tkacik

John Calahan

Mary Smith

Jonathan Helmke

Pauline Sampson

Buddy Himes

Megan Weatherly

Anthony Espinoza

Hans Williams

Brian Muphy

Joe Shannon

Karyn Hall

Rachele Garrett

Erma Brecht

Alisha Collins