

Academic Affairs Deans/Directors Meeting
December 14, 2016

1. **JacksPASS Program**

Dana Cooper

Previously called Pathways, this program is now called JacksPASS; it has previously not been very successful. We have changed the name to refresh it, update it. Brittney Fish will head up this program. Dr. Himes if we will track retention for JacksPass and will it be separate or combined with university statistics. Dana said we can look at it both ways. If it does not count toward the degree plan students are not eligible for financial aid.

Dr. Cooper announced that the SSC have hired Dr. Monique Nunn who has been involved in various offices and has a number of contacts at junior colleges. She will be the transfer coordinator. Anyone welcome to come and visit SSC and offer to chairs.

Monique Cossich and her staff are doing some innovative work with community colleges.

February 17, 2017 – David Laude speaking on student success. Information will be provided to the deans before the welcome back meetings on January 13.

Dr. Bisping and Dr. Clipson are working on a date for Brandon Busted to visit campus, senior VP with Gallup. Creating a brand new ranking system, looking at outcomes using a different approach. We are hoping to get in on the ground floor.

2. **Financial aid**

Rachele Garrett

Financial Aid are currently looking at fall 2017 awards and hoping to award some freshman; we are ahead of the game. We have received 6,800 FAFSA already in three months.

Scholarship deadline is February 1, we have new system - Academic Works .

SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress) processing, had a few issues regarding the appeal process. Responses to students will take priority and we will try to get them a decision within a week.

Parent loans are packaged with other awards, we will award up to the cost of attendance. We are going to change that and limit our parent loan to \$5,000. This should help in our loan debt and give us more leeway. There is a team within strategic plan working on student debt, looking at cost of instructional materials and financial aid advising and counseling. Going to take a close look at the data and see where we can help. With using prior, prior, year may be an idea to move up scholarship deadline to December 1 in future because we package around that. We

will also move to a single award letter for 18-19.

3. **Sacs Update**

Dr. Bullard stated that around twelve people from SFA attend SACS annual conference in Atlanta in early December. Among attendees at today's meeting Dean Abbott, Dean Childs, John Calahan, Dr. Bullard and Dr. Brunson attended. Dr. Bullard asked for comments.

Dean Abbott said she attended workshop and sessions regarding quality of online courses, there is a great deal of work being done and some great ideas. Talk is about assuring quality of courses, regardless of face to face or online. It was obvious that everyone is feeling the squeeze on enrollment. Some colleges, if program is declining they are looking at transitioned it to online. Meeting needs of adult students who are primarily working and want to pursue education. There were sixty institutions represented, and SFA is the only one paying stipends for online delivery. Others are still paying for developing and transitioning to online courses.

Several members attended a session given by the Director of Assessment at Letourneau, he reported on what he has been doing since he arrived to reconnect. Dr. Bullard said we may consider inviting him to talk here at SFA. Also provost from Nichols State on leading change on institutions. Over time we are going to try and do some different things, making changes.

John Calahan felt the conference was very education for himself and Dr. Paul Henley, they focused on all the workshops on different approaches to assessment to see what others were doing. John believes we should have some workshops on why assessment is audited etc., He is excited about upcoming year, he stated we need to narrow down the goals and make it easier to assess; there are lots of models that will work. John and Paul will be soliciting everyone and discuss data reporting and different approaches – un-obtrusive assessment.

Ongoing spaces assessment planning will continue throughout May. Project to do complete inventory, they will start setting up meetings across campus, when complete, a set of recommendations will be presented.

4. **Fifth Year Report**

Mary Nelle Brunson

Dr. Brunson stated the top sited areas in the report; number one most sited is assessment of educational programs (3.3.3.1), not trying to prove something trying to IMPROVE.

Second most sited - qualified faculty (2.8) show at least 25% has to be taught by full time faculty. that includes off site and distance ed. Must have people qualified in the discipline as program coordinators. Physical abilities (3.11.3), asking for more detail than previously. Number three is Student achievement; we have to show we have

training benchmarking.

5. Stipends for Staff

Dr. Bullard reminded everyone that we cannot pay stipends to staff. There has to be proof the extra work is completed out of hours or at the weekend. Check with Sharon Brewer if you have any questions. Faculty are different, they can be paid stipends.

6. Any Other Business

Dr. Bullard reminded everyone that on Friday 16th at 10.30 a.m. would be the third chat with Provost, to be held in Mc Kibben 258.

Dr. Bullard stated we have four interim directors in Academic Affairs and we will be looking at these in spring.

Dean Abbott has a new interim associate dean, Christina Sinclair as Jannah Nerren is leaving and going to work at Sam Houston/

Heather Catton reported that she went to Germany, as part of a Fulbright scholarship she said it was an amazing opportunity and encouraged others to apply. Mike Tkacik stated he is the Fulbright representative on campus and reiterated this, he said they love schools like us and are more than willing to offer travel opportunities, Mike would be happy to help if anyone has questions.

7. Date of Next Meeting:

Deans Council	January 4, 2017
Academic Affairs Directors	January 18, 2017

Attendees			
Steve Bullard	Mary Nelle Brunson	Sharon Brewer	Kim Childs
Buddy Himes	Ric Berry	Brian Murphy	Janet Tareilo
Jonathan Helmke	Tim Bisping	Judy Abbott	Hans Williams
Visiting			
Megan Weatherly	Mike Tkacik	Mary Smith	John Calahan
Rachele Garrett	Heather Catton	Jennifer Hanlon	Jonathan Helmke
John Parker	Dana Cooper	Monique Cossich	