

Academic Directors Meeting

September 29, 2021

1. **Registrar**

Mickey Diez is our new Registrar and introduced himself to the directors, he joined SFA on September 20.

2. **SFAS1101 for fall 2022**

Raquel Skidmore

Formerly SFA101 rebrand as Lumberjack Experience. SSC objective is to increase SFAS1101 enrollment by 20% for fall 2022 and would like help to encourage all freshmen and transfer students to take it. With the new tuition package, anything after 12 hours is included, so students can take it for free. It is proven to improve student retention and success.

Raquel is asking for support from advisors to advise to take this class, suggestion for this to be added as a reminder on all UG advising slips.

3. **Update from Academic Partnerships**

Ryan Brown Moreno

Dual Credit Senior Day is Tuesday, October 5.

Partnership Day October 19th – resources fair 3.15p.m. – 3.45p.m.

A new partnership in the works with Lone Star Atascocita for Business bridge program.

Lone Star Kingwood, we have a Physics partnership, will have faculty member on site there.

4. **Small Size Classes**

Marc Guidry

Tuesday, a curriculum workshop will be held 3:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m. in LBAN 142 and will also be zoomed, the theme is doing less with more. Making curriculum handbook. Small size classes have been increasing over the last few years, the current minimum numbers are 10 for undergraduate and 5 for graduate. We need data on how many small size classes we have been receiving. Perhaps increase minimum thresholds. Judy Abbott is proposing an increase to both.

5. **Work-Life Balance**

Marc Guidry

Several people working 40+ comp hours per month. Keep in mind, policy 12.14 overtime, for exempt employees limited 80hours per year. Try not to work so much comp time. Make sure balancing life with work. We will have a **Thanksgiving Pot Luck on Thursday November 18 in the Wyatt Room.**

6. **Fiscal year budget for FY23**

Dr. Guidry asked the directors if they understand what is required? Have to make well-crafted evidence-based request for any additions. Deadline for submission is October 13.

Dr. Smith said the Library and Honors budget requests will be tied to the deans – look at zero based budget analysis. We will present our collective budget to UBC based on what we need to thrive, if that means there needs to be more i.e. advisers etc., put in the request. We may not get everything we ask for but please put in the request. There is pressure on the university to

have a budget in line with our priorities.

There are temporary savings available, we have set aside about \$2 million for deans and directors to fill interim positions, this is a significant amount of money available. Money has been awarded to the AARC for tutoring and for t-shirts, also to International Programs for more scholarships.

Dr. Darville asked if some of these one-time savings could be used to assist with job searches, bringing candidates to campus.

October 1, the triennial evaluations will go live until October 21, please complete by the deadline if you receive an email. A change in process from prior years is that the participants will receive a copy of the results for those evaluations.

The Office of International Studies have started up the Global Gateway and have various presentations, please try to attend if you can, details can be found at international@sfasu.edu

7. Date of Next Meeting

October 27, 2021