

Deans Council
February 1, 2017

1. **Science Grades**

Mary Nelle Brunson

Registrar's office has been in contact regarding a situation they feel will become more common now that the Science course and labs are split in the degree plans. Advisors are seeking clarification as well as registrar. Because each major will handle the use of the one hour lab differently, clarification is needed. Example - a student has taken a science course, three hours are going into the Core Science area, the lab is going into electives. The student passed the course and failed the lab. The lab is a co-requisite of the course but because the lab is being used as an elective it is not necessarily "needed" to complete the degree. Should the student be required to re-take the lab?

After some discussion, all deans were in agreement that if a student fails a course or lab they should re-take it in all cases.

Dr. Pace said this would be reviewed in more detail, perhaps look at altering the course to 2 +1 or 3+0, rather than 3+1.

2. **Undergraduate Experience**

Megan Weatherly

Megan Weatherly gave an update on The Undergraduate Experience and a new timeline. The final three meetings have been rescheduled to allow time for implementation in the budget.

Megan also distributed deadlines for the upcoming Symposium on Arts & Research (SOAR) and asked the deans to share with the chairs.

3. **Update on Strategic Plan** (request from deans)

Following a deans forum they had requested an update on the strategic plan as they feel they have not been kept abreast of what has been happening. They need information in order to give feedback before decisions are made. Dr. Bullard stated that all items are brought to dean's council before final decisions are made.

Megan asked what would help the deans feel more informed and it was agreed a twice monthly email will be sent to them, summarizing the events of the weekly meetings. Dr. Bullard confirmed there had been no attempt to exclude the deans.

Megan gave an update on several new teams that had been formed under the Culture Group, employee leadership and social events. Janet Tareilo is working on the enrollment action plan.

4. **Shared Governance Policies**

Judy Abbott

Deans Forum has been discussing shared governance policies at their meetings.

5. **FAR/Digital Measures**

Judy Abbott

Dr. Abbott gave a presentation on Digital Measures tying into the faculty activity report. We can feature/focus on faculty profiles. She demonstrated the UTEP system which combines Banner/Digital Measures/ScholarWorks together to create faculty profiles.

Dr. Abbott explained that biography is an option in Digital Measures and can link to syllabi, which would allow it to be available in compliance with HB2504. She said this is the kind of system we need to showcase faculty and eliminate duplicate work. We would like this to be up and running by the fall. Dr. Bullard asked if Digital Measures could be more finely tuned to meet with our requirements. Dr. Abbott asked deans for input and will ask Faculty Senate.

Dr. Abbott wants Digital Measures tweaked so we have less resistance and more consistent data. Dr. Abbott will contact chair of faculty senate and chairs forum to share this information. We want to make this as easy and effortless to faculty as possible.

6. **Curricula and E-Core**

Brian Murphy

Dr. Murphy discussed an initiative at Georgia State to move to electronic curriculum, enabling students to complete the entire core electronically. Two big requirements are, they only use Open Access materials, which reduces the cost. Also the cost per credit hour is lower and the same for in and out of State. Might want to consider as we lose so many credit hours during summer.

7. **Interdisciplinary Collaboration**

Brian Murphy

Dr. Murphy provided an EAB document on interdisciplinary collaboration, he will provide an electronic copy and will recruit faculty for a working group to look at this.

8. **Fenway Group Presentation**

Tim Bisping/Todd Brown

Dr. Bisping and Dr. Brown gave an overview of an opportunity by the Fenway Group, Danny Gallant sat in for this part of the meeting and was in full support. Both students and faculty felt this is a worthwhile program and Dr. Bisping is trying to bring to SFA campus. At present at Louisiana Tech, 85 students have signed up for this program they have to commit to 20 hours per week for 24 months at between \$12-\$20 per hour, this gives them real life experience. All deans supported this idea. Danny Gallant will look into this further.

9. Any Other Business

Brandon Busted will be presenting today, February 1 at 1:30 p.m.

David Laude will be on campus on February 17th.

10. Date of Next Meeting

March 1, 2017

Attendees:			
Steve Bullard	Mary Nelle Brunson	Sharon Brewer	Debbie Pace
Buddy Himes	Brian Murphy	Megan Weatherly (part)	Shirley Dickerson
Janet Tareilo	Hans Williams	Tim Bisping	Judy Abbott
Joe Strahl (part)	Ric Berry	Danny Gallant (part)	