

Deans Council

March 3, 2021

1. **Faculty Achievement Awards** Trey Turner Sarah Sargent
Trey Turner and Sara Sargent from the office of development discussed the faculty achievement awards, which have previously been awarded at the Gala in December. Due to COVID there was no Gala last year and there will be none this year. Trey asked the deans if they thought this was a valuable award. The deans agreed it was very worthwhile, but felt we should add an award for service, even if it means the award being for a lesser amount.

There have been questions in the past if the Gala is the correct forum for this award, and suggested another venue and publicize in the newspaper, sawdust, etc. The deans agreed this would be a good idea, but the winners should also be invited to the Gala, as part of their award. Trey thanked the deans for their comments and will report back.

2. **Construction Management Program** Sally Ann Swearingen/Chay Runnels
Sally Ann Swearingen is the facilitator for this program, this year we have 40 declared majors. There have been several challenges but she thanked all the departments involved for their help. We have just started a minor in construction management, which will be approved in the curriculum process. In April we will have the first construction management career fair. Our goal is that 85/90 % of the program will be on-line or virtual by 2022, they are working with CTL.

3. **Policies** Tim Bisping
 - 3.24 Out of State Electronic Fee
 - 6.21 Tuition Rebate
 - 5.5 Course Grades
 - 2.15 Export Control
 - 7.8 Dead Week

All policies were approved and will go to the April board meeting, with exception of :

 - 7.17 Library Faculty

4. **Update on SACS visit/Mock Interviews** Marc Guidry
Dr. Guidry gave an overview of the mock interviews that will be conducted by Dr. Mary Nelle Brunson week of March 15th, in preparation for our SACS reaccreditation March 29 – April 1.

Closing the Loop on Curriculum

All curriculum changes have been approved and submitted for board approval at the April meeting.

Student Complaints on Advising

There have been some complaints about students being poorly or mis-advised, this came via SGA, Dr Guidry is working with advisors.

5. **Regents Scholar Medal** Sharon Brewer
Our Regents Professor medals were made by a gentleman who has now retired, also with the

policy change the name is now Regents Scholar. We have decided to offer art students the opportunity to design a new medal to be used for this award, \$500 prize will be offered to the winner. The entries will be judged by the deans. We plan to award the first new medal to Dr.