

Deans Council
April 8, 2015

1. Three-Year Degree Presentation

Ken Felts

Ken Felts discussed the idea of accepting three year degrees from other international universities, to allow students into our Master's Program. In many countries in Europe and in India a bachelor of commerce is a three year degree. He explained that they spend three years focusing on their major and not the other core subjects that our students do and so are ready to study at the Masters Level.

Dr. Brunson said this fits with the EAB presentations she has seen. After some discussion it was agreed we will lift the restriction on three year programs but each department will have to look at the transcripts to ensure they have the correct qualifications. This will be presented at Graduate Council on April 9th and will come back to Deans Council for final approval.

2. University Tenure Standards

Brian Murphy

Dr. Murphy explained that currently there is a great difference between the University tenure standard and the college and department standards. He feels it has been "watered down".

Dr. Abbott said she is working on a post tenure policy and will be called faculty evaluation; she is also looking at tenure and promotion policies to ensure the language is consistent.

It was stated that other universities have been successful in having some base line for criteria for all tenure applications.

We must put more teeth into teaching rather than just scholarship, all agreed we should evaluate teaching.

Dr. Abbott said she is getting very little results for faculty to be involved with student evaluation/feedback.

3. Approval Course Fees and Curriculum

As stated in policy, the final course fee and curriculum changes being submitted to the board must have Deans Council approval. A spreadsheet detailing all the changes can be found on the Academic Affairs Web page. The committee approved the changes and they will be submitted to the

Board at the April meeting.

4. Faculty Senate

The senate will meet today and Dr. Westbrook will be giving an update on the Strategic Plan.

5. Any Other Business

Date of Next Meeting

Deans Council, April 8, 2015