

Deans Council
August 23, 2023
Meeting 10.04

Meeting commenced at 10:04 a.m.

1. HOPS Hans Williams
Commencement
Emeritus & Honorary Degree
Selection of Academic Deans
Discontinuance of Program or Academic Unit

SFA policies converted to HOPS named above were discussed with the deans, having been reviewed by policy committee. All were approved and are ready for submission to General Counsel.

2. Budget Alisha Collins/Lorenzo Smith

Alisha provided a combined version of each college spending plans, not including contingency. We only have \$180k contingency at provost level available.

Dr. Smith asked each dean in turn if they were happy with the numbers. We are capturing enrollment trends per college and the budget will be adjusted accordingly.

Dr. Bisping expressed concerns his college have few adjuncts and overloads, and so faculty will be teaching bigger classes.

All of the deans agreed they would work with what they have.

Dr. Wurtz would like to abolish the 1.5 – 1 grad workload policy. After discussion it appears some colleges have already done that, and each college varies. Therefore, Dr. Wurtz can move forward with that.

We may need to look at split appointments so we can determine what is expected from faculty. Many graduate degrees do not include research. The deans discussed how each college report the 25/75 teaching/research as well as service in the FAR/web focus report.

After discussion about reassigned time, the deans agreed we need to look at workload as an institution. Does UT want us to be a research institution?

Dr. Knepp increased the amount of professional development distributed to faculty in his college.

The deans discussed the possibility of stacking scholarships in order to improve enrollment and retention, and asked for clear explanation of inside and outside money. Dr. Smith will look into this and report back to the deans.

Whilst serving as acting Dean of ORGS, Dr. Smith is going to set more strict criteria for GRA GTA funding requirements.

Alisha reported there is no update on LERR at present but we have around \$1 million to spend. Anything classroom related has been moved to ITS. We are working with UT to track this. Alisha reported that the funds do not have to be spent on what was originally listed, as long as they fall in the same category.

Meeting adjourned 11.55

Attendees:

Hans Williams

Dustin Knepp

Tim Bisping

Marc Guidry

Lorenzo Smith

Kim Childs

Gary Wurtz

Judy Abbott

Sharon Brewer

Alisha Collins