

Dean's Council

September 1, 2010

In attendance: Judy Abbott, Danny Arnold, Ric Berry, Mary Nelle Brunson, Steve Bullard, Kim Childs, Shirley Dickerson, Buddy Himes, Larry King, Brian Murphy, James Standley

Guests: Monique Cossich, David Justus

Dr. Berry called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

1. Freshman Convocation Monique Cossich
Monique Cossich distributed information on the convocation for Thursday and discussed the program.
2. Faculty Research Center David Justus
David Justice spoke about establishing a faculty research center in the library. The use of the center was discussed. Deans will discuss with department chairs about interest in the center and report the response to Shirley or David.
3. Reassignment Request Form Brain Muphy
Dr. Murphy spoke about the reassignment request form. He provided a template for how the form should be completed. There was discussion of the template. Deans will discuss the form with the chairs. The form will be returned to the agenda for the next meeting.
4. SACS & QEP James Standley
Dr. Standley reported that the SACS compliance report has been submitted to Compliance Assist. He also reported that two members of the QEP Searing Committee have recently returned from a meeting with the QEP consultant.
5. Assessment Larry King
Dr. King spoke about the need to continue the emphasis on assessment even after the submission of the SACS compliance report. He also noted that assessment in the administrative support units needs to focus more on effectiveness in the objectives identified by these units.
6. FYE-FIGS Mary Nelle Brunson
Dr. Brunson spoke about about the review process for assessment reports for the college and a final report to be presented to the Provost by each college. She also spoke about the FYE (First Year Experience) and FIGS (Freshmen Interest Groups). Asked for deans to discuss the reinvigoration of FIGS with chairs. She will be contacting deans and chairs about setting up meetings to promote FIGS. She would like for deans to solicit faculty volunteers interested in participating FIGS. Small classes will need to be identified through Webfocus.
7. HB 2504 Ric Berry

Dr. Berry spoke about HB2504 and the location of the information on the webpage. He noted that faculty vita need to be checked for completeness.

8. Other Business

Dr. Murphy spoke about the possibility of students doing a double major in place of two degrees. He said that Linda Langham says there is no possibility for double majors at SFA. This issue will be returned to the agenda for a future meeting.

9. Date of next meeting

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