



Monique explained she has great partnerships with other areas of the university such as admissions, orientation and the library and will continue to expand these.

5. **Policies**

Brian Murphy

Textbook Adoption Timeline (10.1)

Dr. Tareilo asked the committee to review this policy, Dr. Brunson did not feel the changes addressed the main issue. This is an ongoing issue where faculty is not adhering to the policy. It was decided to table this until the next meeting to allow discussion with Dr. Tareilo and review her data.

Final grade appeals by students (6.3)

Changes were made to try and address issues from Legal Counsel, it has been to faculty senate once but more changes were made and therefore it needs to have their approval before coming back to deans council.

6. **Multidisciplinary program proposal**

Brian Murphy

Dr. Murphy brought this back for final approval by deans council after they had discussed with chairs. It was agreed this would be approved and listed on the Academic Affairs website as working guidelines. Any comments should be sent to the deans who can bring them back to deans council.

7. **Promotion Issue**

Bria Murphy

The promotion policy recently had a major change concerning promotion from Associate to Full Professor. Originally a faculty member could go up for promotion to full after three years and that was changed to five years, we are into the second year of that change. Dr. Murphy has a faculty member who was eligible under the old policy - it was pointed out that the policy states that exceptions can be made by the dean and provost. Dr. Bullard explained that he would be happy to approve Dr. Murphy's amended recommendation if he wanted this faculty member to go up for promotion this year.

8. **Australia Connection**

Buddy Himes

Dr. Himes explained some opportunities for exchange of students and faculty with institutions in Australia. Currently it seems we are sending more students than we are accepting, after meeting with them they are very interested in sending students here. Dr. Himes can provide further information to the deans. Benefits are no language barrier and also students coming here would find it cost efficient.

9. **Prospective Aviation Program**

Kim Childs

Dr. Childs explained how this issue had come up at SFA and Dr. Bullard provided information also. Currently we are in talks with several city officials and it seems the College of Business in conjunction with Angelina College would be the best "fit" for this program. We will continue to explore options with Dr. Bisping as the point person.

10. **Post tenure review** Kim Childs

Dr. Childs explained there were some inconsistencies in relation to post tenure review, in particular for this year as we play “catch-up”. A timeline was approved by the deans and will be listed in a separate document and sent to the deans for implementation.
11. **Undergraduate Research Club**

Dr. Bullard distributed a flyer to the deans and explained this is a student driven project and was FYI for the deans.
12. **New Faculty Luncheon**

Dr. Bullard reminded the deans we have a box lunch for new faculty on Monday, October 9 from 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. in the tiered classroom, BPSC. A department chair will attend for Education and tell a “one lumberjack at a time” story. Dr. Bullard will open the floor to the deans at the luncheon for them to share stories.
13. **Digital Measures Initiative** Judy Abbott

Dr. Abbott explained that Digital Measures is used for FAR and we are looking at adding faculty profiles, these would be pulled directly out of DM. There is a new facet called workflow, meant to provide internal movement of FAR. The ultimate goal is for administrative evaluation of faculty to done inside DM, as opposed to a separate piece of paper. This will be piloted this academic year in the College of Education. Dr. Abbott explained how this will work and will eventually be used for electronic tenure and promotion as well as post tenure review.
14. **Dual Credit** Judy Abbott

Dr. Abbott gave an update on dual credit and the progress made by Dr. Joe Shannon, she has been working with him closely. He has been able to secure partnerships with Woden, Nacogdoches, Timpson, Shelbyville and Woodville, we are looking at approximately 250 dual credit students for spring 2018 an possibly 500 students for fall 2018.
15. **Core Class Meetings**

Dr. Brunson explained there have been a series of meetings with department chairs of core classes, primarily Science and Mathematics and Liberal and Applied Arts, to try to meet the demand of our students in relation to core classes, using data from Platinum Analytics. Because of this we had 18 lecturer positions available to meet the core, we hired 14. Preliminary figures show it was effective and although enrollment did not increase, the incoming dollar amount justified the hiring, creating more student credit hours.
16. **Graduate Advisory Committee Report** Ric Berry

Dr. Berry gave a update on the Coordinating Board Graduate Advisory Committee meeting he attended on September 25, four major issues were discussed:

  - Marketable skills initiative through 60 x 30

- Online masters programs
- How institutions are implementing recommendations from the Rand report
- Draft of strategic plan on graduate education in Texas.

17. **Search for Dean of Research and Graduate Studies** Hans Williams

Dr. Hans Williams is the chair of this search committee and gave the deans an update on the process as well as a copy of the job description. The posting will be internal only, this decision was purely budget driven. Administration would like a recommendation by the end of the semester.

18. **HEF**

Dr. Murphy asked how the upkeep of classrooms would be funded this year, as HEF was allocated differently. On checking with the budget office, each college was given contingency funds which would cover such costs. Any big items that arise unexpectedly should be communicated to the budget office and they have contingency funds to help with these.

19. **Date of Next Meeting**

November 1, 2017.

Attendees:		
Bullard, Steve	Brunson, Mary Nelle	Brewer, Sharon
Childs, Kim	Himes, Buddy	Murphy, Brian
Berry, Ric	Abbott, Judy	Bisping, Tim
Williams, Hans	Dickerson, Shirley	
Guests:		
Nick Long	Will Honea	Dana Cooper
Monique Nunn	Trina Benson	