

Deans Council  
November 21, 2012

1. Proposed changes to Emeritus Policy Judy Abbott  
Following discussion of this topic at the last meeting, Dr Abbott asked for feedback on the proposed changes. It seemed faculty felt the wording should be such that makes this appointment, a high level position, with room for exceptions. There seemed to be agreement to eliminate distinctions, and perhaps suggest service as ten years, it felt five was too short a time. Dr Abbott will take these comments and recommendations back to the Policy Committee; she will also get feedback from the Senate.

2. Possible name change for the College of Education Judy Abbott  
Dr Abbott announced that the College of Education are interested in a name change for itself, she provided a summary of the three options and explanations behind the requests, the three choices are:

James I. Perkins College of Education (stay same)  
James I. Perkins College of Education & Human Development  
James I. Perkins College of Education and Professional Studies

No decision was made on this and Dr Abbott will take the comments of the deans back to the faculty and will bring back to the committee at a later date.

3. Core Curriculum Assessment  
Dr Berry announced that the Core Curriculum Advisory are moving forward and formulating how we approach the core. The Core Curriculum Assessment Committee has also been working on a draft that was given to everyone at the last the meeting. He explained we are looking at assessment now because an assessment plan has to be submitted with the new core. We are receiving a lot of feedback suggesting we wait to look at assessment after we have looked at the core, but we have to submit both. He asked for input from the deans.

It seems there are some misunderstandings, faculty seem to think the Core is university-owned and not department-owned however, departments ARE the University. There also seems to be the notion that faculty need a say in this. It is a faculty committee that are drawing the plan up, with representatives from each college. We are asking for input now. This is a collaborative process we welcome good comments that take into consideration the requirements on the institution.

Dr Berry told the deans to encourage faculty to read the THECB rules.

An Open Forum will be held on November 28<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm in the tiered classroom of the Student Center to discuss the Core Curriculum Advisory Committee's charge.

4. Second Baccalaureate Degree

This item was raised yesterday by a student wanting to take a double major in photography and interior design. One would be a BA and one a BS. The student has taken every course for both and doesn't understand why she cannot have two degrees, both a BA and BS. After some discussion it was agreed by the deans that we will not change this policy at the current time.

5. Date of Next Meeting  
Academic Affairs Council, December 5, 2012