

Deans Council
December 7, 2016

1. City Project

Brian Murphy

Larissa Philpott, City Planner for City of Nacogdoches (and two-time SFA alumna) attended the meeting. Dr. Murphy discussed that the Center for a Livable World has been working with city on a livability study looking at quality of life of local community. Study solicited a great deal of feedback via survey. The options presented are a menu; not all can be done (financially or time-wise). Based on additional feedback, 12 projects have been identified; (see handout). Larissa notes that growth of city and SFA are symbiotic. Notes that city council, NEDCO, the county is invested in this project.

2. Graduate Research Week

Megan Weatherly/Mike Tkacik

Research & Creative Activities Week will be held week of April 17. Undergraduate Research Conference will be Tuesday, April 18. Symposium on Arts & Research will be Wednesday, April 19. Graduate Research Conference will be Thursday, April 20. More information about each event will be available prior to start of the semester. Representatives from each event noted that they would be happy to come to start-of-the-semester meetings to make brief presentations, answer questions. Dr. Janusa is chairing committee of undergraduate research goals at SFA. PowerPoint training will be provided for students. This is a great recruiting event.

Second event of research week SOAR (Symposium on Arts and Research), this will replace the Bright Ideas Conference. Megan explained that involving arts is very important, not only with research but with creative activity. Faculty are invited to showcase work, community will be invited to be part of it, perhaps high school kids. We are looking at greater buy-in from faculty, showcase research in previous year and new research. ORSP are helping, the Provost is funding the event, and CTL are organizing. Final details will be ready by new semester.

3. Multi term registration

Lynda Langham

Continued discussion on moving to multi term registration, Lynda provided information from the registrar at Cleveland State who have moved to this, the overall results have been very positive. Dr. Childs stated that the chairs were not happy about this change. After discussion it was agreed this is a major decision to change, and perhaps need meeting with all chairs, RFY committee and advisors.

Dr. Childs asked if the RFY unanimously support this, Dr. Brunson said committee looked at what would impact student success. After a vote from the deans it was decided to delay for a year.

4. Change in Teaching excellence Awards

Megan Weatherly

Megan explained the proposed changes to the Teaching Excellence Awards, a lunch will be held at Culinary Café followed by an awards ceremony in the student center that afternoon (April 11th), further details and deadlines will be forthcoming.

5. Summer Budget

Kim Childs/Brian Murphy

Dr. Childs and Dr. Murphy asked how we fund summer budget; what do we have to work with this year. This will be talked about with Danny and chairs next Tuesday, it was agreed deans and associate deans would be invited to attend.

6. Shared Governance

Kim Childs

The deans have presented the provost with a paper on this topic, Dr. Childs stated the deans must be part of making decisions; it seems like centralization has been a key point and that we have no control. This leads to disengagement and disillusion. The deans would like to have discussions about culture through campus. The deans’ stress they need shared governance. Dr. Bullard stated that anything that requires a major decision is always brought to deans’ council.

7. Post Tenure Review

Dr. Tareilo had to leave the meeting and so Dr. Abbott reported as part of the committee. Recommendation that for 16/17 the annual review criteria policies and processes that are in place at each academic unit be used as guiding force for review for this year. See email from Janet with guidelines. The committee stated that by January 27th all those faculty that are eligible for post tenure review this year be made aware and that the criteria for reviews be set by that date. Dr. Abbott stated that some faculty believe that SFA are trying to move away from tenure. That is NOT the case.

8. Any Other Business

There is rumors that Student Affairs are preparing a "bias intervention scheme". Dr. Bullard said there is a “Campus Climate Committee” and we would invite Adam Peck and Steve Westbrook t the next meeting to discuss.

Advisors recently pulled together to discuss career ladder concept for advisors and to bring in one advisor to success center to look at more centralized advising. Dr. Bullard said he had no intention of the centralized advising but would get more information for the next meeting from Dr. Tareilo.

Report for big ticket items are due by the end of spring semester, these include the Library, Miller Science and Performing Arts.

Scheduled monthly meetings with Dr. Bullard will now include the two associate provosts but if there is something that needs to be discussed at executive level we can split the meeting and meet with Provost only. Dean Abbott asked the reason for this – Dr. Bullard replied for efficiently, deans should feel free to bring associate dean or chairs to any meetings.

9. Date of Next Meeting

December 14, 2017

Attendees			
Steve Bullard	Mary Nelle Brunson	Sharon Brewer (part)	Kim Childs
Buddy Himes	Ric Berry	Brian Murphy	Janet Tareilo (part)
Jonathan Helmke	Tim Bisping	Judy Abbott	Hans Williams
Visiting			
Megan Weatherly	Mike Tkacik	Mary Smith	Larissa Philpott
Lynda Langham			