

Deans Council
December 10, 2014

1. **Extending period for student evaluation of faculty performance** Buddy Himes
Dr. Himes asked if we could add one week to the dates for student evaluations, closing at noon on Friday of exam week, which he felt would encourage more participation. Dr. Berry will ask if the senate has any objections and if not will ask Karyn Hall to make this change.

2. **Update from SACS Meeting**

Dr. Berry asked for observations from Dr. Abbott and Dr. Childs who attended the SACS Conference for the first time this year. Dr. Abbott said that she attended all three workshops on leadership and assessment, and felt they were very informative and gave her a sense of the bigger picture. Her favorite presentation was from James Madison University. Dr. Himes asked if she felt that SFA were on target. Dr. Abbott felt we are on target and may even be a little ahead of the timetable on assessment.

Dr. Child's experience was overwhelming, there were over 5,000 attendees and she felt she did not reap the benefits of networking. She attended workshops on assessment and kept hearing that it is not new anymore. Dr. Childs felt good about hearing familiar topics we have been discussing.

Dr. Berry stated that need to do comply with assessment because we want to improve, not because we have to. With the Federal Government are involved, we must assess in ways that demonstrate we have improved. Assessment is not meaningless. He asked that the deans continue to get word out about assessment, we must continue to get the understanding out there. It is a new world they just won't take our word for it anymore.

3. **Any Other Business**

Center for Teaching and learning are exploring more hybrid classes, state of the future.

Students are different today, technology is different, and everything has changed. Same in library, audience is different, we have to evolve. Students now have alternatives.

Dr. Bullard reported on the Dean of Business search; we have completed two interviews with dean candidates, awaiting president's decision hopefully after the Board meeting, Friday, December 12th at 4pm,

4. **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, December 17th Academic Affairs Council.