

DEANS COUNCIL – MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 3, 2025

1. Curriculum Cycle & Catalog Timeline

- - Review of curriculum cycle and concerns about delayed catalog availability.
- - Goal to have updated catalog ready by March for fall registration.
- - Upcoming additions: Degree Works and SmartPlan.
- - Proposal: University-level curriculum work completed by end of spring.
- - Discussion of multi-year cycle possibility.
- - Need final implementation timeline.
- - Senate Bill 57 will change core curriculum.
- - Early catalog availability viewed as recruiting advantage.

2. Academic Updates & New Initiatives

- - Potential development of a minor or certificate in Civil Discourse; more details forthcoming.

3. December 18 System Visit

- - Visit from Archie Holmes and Jonathan Pruitt to discuss SFA's future and obstacles.
- - AA presenting on SFR; possible impact of 15% research allocation.
- - Need information from deans of potential growth over the next 3-5 years and any obstacles, such as faculty, budget, etc.
- - Information needed from deans by 12/10 for presentation preparation.

4. Facilities & Infrastructure

- - UTS PUF funding will support new building projects.

5. Reorganization & Advising

- - Development of centralized first-year advising located in the library.
- - Goal advising ratio: 300:1; consultations with UTA.
- - Career Center proposed relocation to 2nd floor of library.
- - Curriculum-to-career pathway initiative.
- - Timeline: Transition summer 2025; full move-in by August 1.
- - Staff uncertainty acknowledged; staffing may increase.

6. Psychology Department Discussions

- - Ongoing discussions about academic placement; some prefer Sciences & Math over LAA.

7. February Board Meeting Deadlines (12/9)

- - Naming options reviewed; majority prefer 'Education, Humanities & Social Sciences'.
- - Need confirmation from Dr. Reese on reducing to three departments in COB.
- - Discussion on areas for institutional distinction.
- - Staff concerns about placement in reorganization.
- - JB will send pre-holiday update to Academic Affairs.

8. Workload Policy Update

- - Productive HOP Committee meeting.
- - Expectations: Standard workload = 4/4; exceptions via chairs and deans.
- - Need finalized policy for accurate reporting.
- - Further timeline to be confirmed with April Smith.

9. Budget & Efficiency Review

- - Review of activities/expenditures for student benefit.
- - Focus on service opportunities, degree programs, looking at continuing education.
- - Efforts underway to retain ROTC.
- - Budget season discussions ongoing.
- - JB met with chairs; positive meeting.

10. Governance Updates

- - System implementation of SB 37: No faculty senate; new advisory board.
- - Advisory boards will have selected (not nominated) members.
- - AA to have faculty and staff advisory committees.
- - Work with current senate continues.

11. Summer Budget

- - Summer budget included with main budget; portion held back.
- - Need break-even enrollment numbers for summer courses.
- - Summer funds must only be used for instruction.

- - No prorated salaries; fixed pay regardless of low enrollment.
- - Desire for many online summer courses.
- - Dorm eligibility hours require confirmation.

Attendees: Jordan Barkley, Jason Reese, Tamey Angley, Sheryll Jerez, Christina Sinclair, Stacy Hendricks, Sharon Brewer, Jordan Barkley, Marc Guidry, Kim Childs, Tricia Cain, Dustin Knepp, Mickey Diez Hans Williams