

Provost Council Meeting

Agenda

October 20, 2017

Meeting called by: David Yells, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Members include: Nancy Jordan, Del Doughty, Gary Stading, Liz Patterson, Teri Stover, Carl Greig, Kelly Coke, Jana Boatright, Shelley Caraway, Barbara Sears, Kathy Williams, and Craig Nakashian

Members Absent: Gary Stading **Guest:**

Recorder: Norma McCormick

I. PAC/BOR Updates

Dr. Yells

The Strategic Planning and Budget Board met and are considering ways in which to utilize the funds cut from departmental budgets. The Board of Regents approved the tuition increase. The Recreational Center is scheduled for completion in March 2018. A survey regarding the BASS office furniture will go out campus wide for everyone's input.

II. 2018-19 Academic Calendar

Jana Boatright

Provost Council approved the 2018-19 academic calendar.

III. Title V Cooperative Grant with NTCC

Dr. Nancy Jordan

NTCC received a 4 million dollar Title V Cooperative Grant over five years from the Department of Education. The grant is to recruit Hispanic high school students into the community college. NTCC is a Hispanic serving institution with at least 25% of their student body made up of Hispanics. TAMUT as a cooperative partner will receive 1.2 million over 5 years for recruiting, success completion, parent programs, and new articulation agreements as well as other initiatives. Dr. Jordan stated that the university has some flexibility with the funds.

IV. Announcements

Dr. Nancy Jordan

Dr. Jordan presented an update on the International Studies Office. Please see the attached update.

Grad Curious Program is a series of informational events for those seeking entrance into the graduate program. The next session is November 2, 2017 with Dr. Corrine Hinton.

Institutional Data Management will survey faculty for student engagement. Emails will go out to participate in the survey this fall. The idea behind the survey is to find out from the faculty their perspective on student engagement.

Shelley is working on securing the Advanced Placement consultant, obtaining instructors, and various other logistics to begin offering the advanced placement training for area school districts. So far, she has had a lot of early interest in the program. The Arkansas Workforce has approved funding for our Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. Those living in Arkansas that meet certain criteria could receive funding to attend college to earn a bachelor's degree in Chemistry.

Dr. Doughty reported that the BAAS department moved to the Library. Dr. Karen Landry is now the new Nursing Director.

Jana reminded the group that graduation is December 15 at the Perot Theater. The rehearsal will be at 10 am. Core Curriculum submission deadline is November 17. Mid-term grades are due today.

Kelly reminded everyone of two upcoming PLACE presentations one on October 30 from Dr. Yells and Dr. Doughty will present in November. The Advisory Board will meet on November 9. NTCC is accepting TRIO applications until December 1. NTCC was down 13 applicants for fall.

Mr. Sinuefield reported that CBET is preparing for the AACSB visit the last week in October.

Dr. Nakashian reported that Faculty Senate meets this afternoon to discuss core curriculum items, revising the course evaluation process, course syllabus, and rules and procedure items. The Honors program held their first honors colloquium this week. Over 60 faculty and students attended the event. The next colloquium will be next Tuesday, October 24 with Dr. Murdock and then in November Dr. Yells will give a presentation. Dr. Neuman will present the final colloquium in December.

Teri reported that the library held one PLACE book club event with Dr. Julien and they have another one coming up with Ben Lindsey. The library won the Pink Pumpkin decorating contest.

Kathy reported that spring enrollment applications are down by 48% for new students, but we have 19% more graduate student apps than last year. For fall 2018, the university is up 41 applications from last year. The university has scholarship funds left over from last year, so Enrollment Services has twenty-six \$1,000 dollar scholarships they could award.

Next meeting: November 17, 2017 in Texar Room UC 116

International Studies Office Fall 2017 Updates

This fall we have 20 new international students and 14 returning international students for a total international student population of 34. Top countries represented are China (6), Ecuador (4), and Vietnam (4).

Toney Favors, director of admissions, and Edwin Lara, global recruiter, visited Vietnam for recruitment fairs in June and September. They visited three cities in Vietnam—Ho Chi Minh City, Hanoi, and Da Nang. Last summer, their visit to Vietnam brought us one of our new Vietnamese students this fall and on the most recent visit our representatives were able to meet with the father of this student and he expressed his extreme satisfaction with our institution. Nancy Jordan, associate provost, and Jennifer Felps, director of international studies, traveled to Ecuador last month to attend EducationUSA fairs, high school visits, and university visits in Guayaquil and Quito. We have been in contact with several students from these most recent visits and anticipate newly enrolled students for the upcoming spring semester from these visits.

Our international student club has been active with a new set of officers and students this fall semester. A fall mixer was held at Nancy Jordan's house last month. Students just completed work on a beautiful banner for Homecoming week that has flags from countries that are represented on our campus and they are currently gearing up for International Education Week next month.

Texas A&M University-Texarkana has been selected by the Mexican government for a third time to take part in the Proyecta 100,000 initiative this fall. We will host 15 students from Mexico October 22-November 18. Because the residence hall is full, staff members across campus will host the students in their homes. The Proyecta 100,000 is a Mexican initiative to increase student mobility to the United States. This group of 15 students will take part in a 4-week intensive English program with A&M-Texarkana. A graduation ceremony for these students will close out International Education Week on Friday, November 17.

Texas A&M University-Texarkana will be celebrating International Education Week for the second time during the week of November 13-17. International Education Week is a joint initiative between the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. Some events we will include are an international photo contest, world trivia event, a global business etiquette dinner, and a study abroad information session.

We have recently partnered with three study abroad vendors in order to increase the capacity of our institution to provide study abroad opportunities for our students. We currently have five students completing the application process for January short-term programs in Spain, Costa Rica, and the Czech Republic.