

Provost Council Meeting

Minutes

October 19, 2018

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

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

Members Absent: Barbara Sears and Shelley Caraway **Guest:** Drs. Lawrence, Green, Nakashian, Michael Galvan, Michael Stephenson, Celeste McNeil

Recorder: Norma McCormick

I. QEP Update Drs. Lawrence & Green

The second L² meeting was held on October 17, 2018. They discussed the differences between service learning, internships, and sustainability beyond the QEP. The Pathways Conference is coming up November 1-2, 2018. The university has one student in Science, two from Sociology, and one English student attending the conference as well as several faculty and two Graduate Coordinators.

II. Alternative Course Schedule Dr. Yells

A new course schedule was proposed at the last meeting. Dr. Yells took this discussion to PAC and he was asked to submit a pros and cons list of how this change would impact the university as well as input from other departments such as Student Life and Advising. One concern is our space utilization that is reported to the CB. Continued discussion was held in terms of how these changes would impact the students and the university. Other concerns are making sure courses don't overlap with other key courses between the colleges. Dr. Yells would like literature on research regarding scheduling three days a week for undergraduates. Dr. Yells wants to see a mock semester schedule prepared, so that PC can see what a schedule would look like using the proposed schedule. Carl will survey students, host open forum meetings for student input, and send out survey to PC for review.

III. PAC Updates Dr. Yells

BASS building is nearing completion and there's a meeting scheduled for the logistics of the move into the building.

IV. Updates All

Liz reported that the Title V external reviewer was on campus October 18 for the audit. No issues were found. Liz asked the deans to remind the faculty to try and get mid-term

grades in. The keynote speaker for the common reader event went very well with over one hundred fifty people attending the FYE lecture.

Dr. Nakashian reported that we have about 101/102 honors students. The university will schedule another section of the HONR 345 class in the spring. Honors will host team talk lectures with Drs. Morton and Cantrell. Honors had two colloquiums so far this year.

Dr. Allard reported on behalf of Faculty Senate. Recently, FS discussed the alternative schedule and the new admission standards. Dr. Morton's committee is working on this item.

Teri reported that she recently visited the RELLIS campus. Dr. Schmidl is the only faculty teaching from Texarkana at this time. They are addressing how students can access resources. PLACE will host a book discussion on "Fun Home." The library will host an escape room to celebrate Halloween. The next art exhibit will feature the Four States Art Club.

Dr. Doughty reported that CASE is gearing up for Tenure & Promotion season. The college hosted its first Liberal Arts meeting which showcased CASE faculty.

Carl reported that the BLV is at capacity. Student Life will host the annual Trunk or Treat on Halloween. Title IX training will begin soon. The Texarkana Chamber of Commerce will host the College Fair in the Student Success Center next week.

Tina reported that she was able to double the number of employers for the Career Fair this year. She has a total of twenty-seven different employers. The appearance of our students is something that we need to work on, so they will begin taking steps to make improvements. On November 1st Career Services will host a networking event titled Crossed Pathways. The Global Etiquette dinner will be November 15.

Dr. Stading was approached by the Boy Scouts to start an explorer post here. They are currently working with the clubs to establish the post. Engineering will be added to the RELLIS campus soon. CBET is currently working on the Engineering proposal and their AACSB visit next month. Congressman Ratcliff urged the university to work on cyber security for a new degree program.

Dr. Yells reported that parking passes will not be needed after 6 pm.

Next meeting Friday, November 16, 2018 in the TEXAR room.