Provost Council Meeting

Minutes

January 19, 2018

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: Carl Greig, Shelley Caraway, Gary Stading, Liz Patterson, Jana Boatright, Barbara Sears

Guest: Recorder: Norma McCormick

I. Pac Updates

Dr. Yells

Dr. Yells had no PAC updates.

II. Institutional Effectiveness Updates

Dr. Jordan

Dr. Jordan discussed the assessment results in the two handouts. She stated that the university needs to do a better job at utilizing the assessment results to improve our programs, reform strategic planning, and resource allocations. She discussed the assessment of the student learning outcomes regarding broad and discipline-specific knowledge. In the near future, meetings will be held on campus to discuss how the university can use the assessment results to help make improvements and increase the quality of our programs. Please see the attached handouts for detailed information about the assessment results.

III. Double Major & Double Concentration

Dr. Stading

Dr. Yells asked Provost Council to review the material presented. The item will be placed on the next Provost Council meeting for further discussion.

IV. International Students Office Updates

Dr. Jordan

See attached handout for ISO updates.

V. Updates

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Dr. Nakashian reported that Faculty Senate will meet February 2, 2018. The Senate has several recommendations for rules and procedures as well as grade appeals, and other items to consider. Once they are approved by FS then the items will make their way up the channels for additional approvals. Honors will have six honors colloquiums for the spring semester. The call for nominations for the Teaching
Excellence awards went out to faculty, staff, and students. The deadline to submit a nomination is February 15, 2018.

Kelly reported that NTCC is offering 15 courses this semester. One course Reading 354 will be offered through Zoom at PJC. Welcome Back week festivities begin next week. She is working on the Title V grant and planning efforts are underway for fall 2018 activities.

Kathy reported on behalf of Jana reminding everyone that preliminary rosters are due February 23, 2018. Ava Simpson’s retirement celebration is today. The 2+2 agreement website is live.

Teri reported that Harry Potter week is this week with a book discussion today. Ribbon cutting for the laptop and IPad kiosk will be scheduled soon. Library will host a training session for student workers to help develop some engaging spaces for the students. The library just received 10 display boards. In February, the library will host a scavenger hunt.

Dr. Doughty stated that he has been looking at class scheduling and grade and transfer appeals for students. CASE has secured a space named the Black Box in room 326 for theatrical efforts, but that the space will be used for other things as well.

Next meeting Friday, February 23, 2018, in UC 414 Conference
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**General Description of Campus Assessment Results:**

 measurable outcomes. TAMU system student learning outcomes reflect a common set of expected outcomes and is

TAMU System Learning Outcomes--Integration of Broad Knowledge
We successfully hosted our third group of Proyecta 100,000 students from Mexico during the Fall 2017 semester. They participated in a graduation ceremony in Eagle Hall on November 17th. A total of 15 students participated in the program this past semester.

The International Studies Office will be hosting a graduation reception for international students graduating each semester. In the fall, we had one student graduate with an M.S. in Instructional Technology. We will have two international students graduate this spring semester, one with a BBA and one with a B.S. in electrical engineering.

Ecuadorian Recruitment – Ecuador has been strategically selected as a country to focus recruitment efforts on. This fall semester we had four students from Ecuador. We’ve added two more students from Ecuador this spring semester for a total of 6 students from Ecuador. Edwin Lara, Global Recruitment Specialist, went to Ecuador 1/9-1/13 with the following itinerary:
- 1/9 Arrive in Quito, 1/10 visit Colegio Intisana (we currently have two students from this high school), 1/11 visit CIEX and Broward College in Guayaquil, 1/12 visit Cuenca high school students and attend Cuenca evening fair. 1/13 return to TXK.

New international students for the Spring 2018 semester:
- Alex Custodio – Philippines – MBA
- Ashik Arif - Bangladesh - MSA
- Joseph Tapia – Ecuador – B.S. Mathematics
- Juan Pedraza - Ecuador (Colombian) – B.B.A
- Khuong Nguyen – Vietnam – BSN
- Masih Shirvany – Iran – B.S. Computer Science
- Ameet Kumar – UGRAD Pakistan Exchange Student

Total Spring 2018 international student population: 38
- 22 countries represented: Ecuador, Colombia, Iran, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Philippines, Pakistan, New Zealand, Bulgaria, Venezuela, Tanzania, Mexico, China, Spain, Russia, Brazil, Nepal, United Kingdom, Australia, Cameroon, Nigeria, Jordan

UGRAD Pakistan – TAMUT has been selected to host a student with the Global UGRAD – Pakistan program this semester. UGRAD Pakistan is an initiative partnered with a branch of the U.S. Department of State and International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX). This partnership aims to provide opportunities for students in Pakistan to study in the United States. It is a fully funded program which pays for all costs of the students. Jennifer Felps will be the student’s host advisor and will assist with his academic and community learning experiences throughout the semester.

Study Abroad – Four students are participating in January Term (1/2-1/20) study abroad programs with CIEE (Council on International Education and Exchange). Two students travelled to Barcelona, Spain for Business and Culture course. One student travelled to Monte Verde, Costa Rica for Sustainability and the Environment course. One student travelled to Paris, France for Language and Culture course.