Provost Council Meeting

Minutes

April 26, 2019

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, David Allard, Craig Nakashian, and Emily Newsome

Members Absent: Carl Greig, Jana Boatright, Teri Stover, and Kelly Coke

Guest: Drs. Lawrence & Green

Recorder: Norma McCormick

I. QEP Updates Drs. Lawrence & Green

Experiential showcase was held April 23. There were twenty-six projects submitted (21 EL and 5 Honors). Criminal Justice won Best in Show. Biology won the People’s Choice award. Discussions will center on how we define equity on our campus. L² meetings are going strong with good attendance.

II. Student Representative Dr. Yells

Dr. Yells presented this question to the council. Do we need a student representative in attendance at PC meetings? How do we identify which student? The group discussed starting with the SGA. No decision was made at this time.

III. Export Control Audit Dr. Yells

The University has formed a committee that audited our export control efforts on campus. They are in the process of finalizing an export control manual and a formal risk assessment audit. The university strives to make sure that we aren’t violating export control laws regarding sensitive information.

IV. First Year Experience Liz Patterson

The university underwent a yearlong self-study with the Garner Institute. Nine subcommittees were formed for this initiative. The subcommittees developed a philosophy based on their findings to help create the First Year Experience for students. They include SOAR, Hatch Camp, Convocation, IS 1100 Curriculum, the Common Reading in conjunction with PLACE, and the Passport program. IS 1100 is a hybrid course skilled based training seminar format which focuses on the common reader for
which students receive one semester credit hour. It’s a pass or fail course but the failure rate is very low. Students aren’t allowed to enroll in upper level courses until they pass this course. Students are surveyed after their first year to offer feedback.

V. Assessment Forums

Dr. Nakashian

Dr. Nakashian held two faculty forums in mid-March to discuss assessment and to see how involved faculty are in this process. They discussed the types of assessment that we do such as the Core Curriculum and state assessments. Some assessments are system generated where others are mandated by the state. The state assessment process assesses six core items. We already generate the data, but the question is how we utilize this data.

VI. PAC Updates

Dr. Yells

Dr. Cutrer was invited to Austin today for the legislative meeting. We may have a possibility in an increase in formula funding this session. Small increase for small institutions which will affect us with an initial request for an additional building. The BASS open house with be later today.

Next meeting Friday, May 17, 2019 in the TEXAR room.