Provost Council Meeting

Minutes

February 28, 2020

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, David Allard, Craig Nakashian, Stacey Glover, Jennifer Davis, Mitch Parker and Emily Newsome

Members Absent: Del Doughty, Craig Nakashian, Barbara Sears

Guest: Recorder: Norma McCormick

I. Dallas Promise/System Enrollment Initiative  Dr. Yells

The Dallas Community Colleges are offering very lucrative enrollment opportunities for Dallas County high school graduates which resulted in a decline in our enrollment from the Dallas area. In our efforts to compete with their initiatives the university has worked out our own initiative the Dallas Promise Package. Enrollment Services has reached out to Dallas County high school students to recruit potential students. System office announced that there is a pool of funds available to help institutions develop and implement novel innovative strategic out of the box approaches to growing new student enrollment. The university is considering a summer bridge program for Dallas County high school students. We would bring the students to campus a couple of times for SOARS or various activates then offer the IS 1100 course in Dallas using our faculty in the summer. The campus has to match the system office contribution for funding. We could have possible funding for up to three years for this program.

II. Retention and Graduation Committee Report  Dr. Yells

The committee meet this week regarding some new initiatives. Eagle Help initiative will be implemented soon. This initiative is to help students navigate a problem on campus. Students can initiate help with a problem via the webpage or app. They will have a step by step guide to help them navigate their issue. The goal is to have something up and going by the fall. Our fall retention numbers are up from fall of last year but our graduation rates will decline before we see an upward trajectory in the future due to graduation of several cohorts. The goal of this group is to look at the data and anticipate areas where we can increase our retention to prevent loss of enrollment.

III. Strategic Planning Work  Dr. Yells

The Strategic Planning Budget Board committee is looking at the universities overall strategic plan goals. The university is currently trying to scale down the number of strategies and performance measures for each goal.

Next meeting Friday, March 27, 2020 in the TEXAR room