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Meeting Minutes

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Minutes
Council of Academic Deans
Tuesday, February 10, 2009
9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Blaine Ferrell, William Tallon, Jane Olmsted, John Bonaguro, Richard Bowker, Don Swoboda, Sherry Reid, Richard Miller, Bob Cobb, Ladonna Hunton, Alecea Davis, Mike Dale, Sadiq Shah, David Lee, Doug McElroy, Craig Cobane, Dennis George, Cornell Menking, and Mike Binder.

Guests Present: Jim Berger, and Retta Poe for Sam Evans.

I. Information/Clarification Items:

A. Administrative Council Update

A proposal will go to the Board of Regents in April regarding military tuition. Students called to active duty and their dependents will be eligible for in-state tuition. Administrative Council agreed to support this proposal.

President Ransdell will also send the tuition model to the BOR in April. Several campuses have gone to a credit hour. There was discussion regarding tuition rates. Dr. Burch indicated the new rates will allow a student to take 15 hours and then add a cost of \$20/credit hour above 15 hours.

In May, 2010, The Association of Christian Educators National Conference will be held on campus. Jeff Younglove is working with this program. This conference will bring 3000 high school students to campus.

B. Budget Outlook

Dr. Burch announced at this point the budget cut would be 2% instead of the 4% previously discussed and the balance of the 4% given by the deans would be held for salary increases. Deans should let Dr. Burch know if they need to make changes.

C. Processing Salary Adjustments

Dr. Burch reminded deans to talk with her prior to making salary adjustments. Dr. Burch will then discuss them with President Ransdell.

D. AASCU National Update

There was no discussion regarding this topic.

E. Legislative Bills re: Transfer-Textbooks

Dr. Burch discussed new bills (HB 226, SJR 49 and HB 314) being considered regarding transfer and textbooks.

F. CAD Meeting – February 17, 2009

President Ransdell will be coming to the CAD next week (February 17, 2009) to discuss Research Goals. Dr. Burch asked deans to send her any questions they would like to ask President Ransdell.

G. Five Year SACS Review Committee

Dr. Burch indicated we are close to the 5-year SACS review and she will put the committee together soon. She asked deans to let her know if they have someone they would like to have appointed to the committee. There was discussion regarding preparations for the 5-year review.

H. Other

The SACS Team will be coming March 7-19, 2009 to review the Doctoral Program. Dr. Burch indicated they can look at anything while they are here. Dr. George asked deans to make sure Action Plans are completed and have approval of the Dean. Dr. Burch asked Deans to review the program and be prepared when the SACS Team arrives. Dr. George will put the report on the SACS web page for faculty and department heads to have access. Dr. Burch thanked everyone for working hard to get the SACS document ready.

II. Discussion/Action Items:

A. Adult Learner Focused Institution (ALFI)

Dr. Jim Berger gave a presentation regarding becoming an Adult Learner Focused institution (ALFI). He and Dr. George discussed surveys administered to non-traditional students and steps taken to market WKU to adult learners. The survey showed challenges and strengths at WKU. Dr. Berger distributed information regarding becoming an Adult Learner Focused Institution and a list of faculty on the REAL (Reaching Each Adult Learner) Advisory Council.

B. Research Update

Dr. Shah indicated there is concern that fewer proposals are coming through this year. He distributed information regarding Proposal Trends FY05-FY08. Dr. Shah is looking for ideas to support more proposals being submitted.

C. Looking Ahead – Merit (Some or None)

Dr. Burch asked deans if they prefer to give some merit raises or raises across the board. After discussion, Dr. Burch asked deans to give it some thought and she will get back with deans at a future meeting.

D. Part-time Faculty Waiver

Dr. Miller indicated more people are taking advantage of the part-time faculty waivers and we are currently over budget. There was discussion regarding this benefit and if the benefit should be revised or discontinued.

E. Scholarship Benefits

Dr. Burch indicated there is discussion in Administrative Council to reduce the scholarship benefit for spouses.

F. Other

Bob Cobb distributed work unit reports to the deans. He asked for changes to be sent back to him within 2 weeks.

Dr. Shah announced 182 students will be performing at the Faculty Research Conference scheduled for Saturday, February 21, 2009. The banquet is scheduled for March 2 in the Cupola Room.

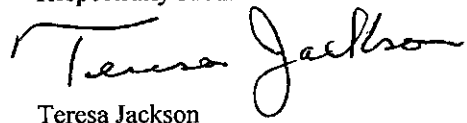
Dr. McElroy announced he needs course sections to take the CAAP Math assessment provided by CPE and ask deans to assist him in locating sections to take the exam. They must be completed in the next 2 weeks.

Dr. Binder distributed a progress report regarding Top SCHOLAR.

Dr. Bowker indicated undergraduate enrollment is 18,48 and graduate enrollment is 2832.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teresa Jackson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Teresa Jackson