

Vice President's Council
October 25, 2006
Summary Notes

Members Present: Paul Matney, Robert Boyd, Bill Crawford, David Fike, Mark Hanna, David Hernandez, Judy Johnson, Jerry Moller, Sheryl Mueller, Ed Nolte, Lou Ann Seabourn, Robert Sloger, and Renee Vincent

Members Absent: Daniel Esquivel, Toni Gordy

Others Present: none

Board of Regents Meeting Review

The October Board meeting was a standard meeting. Ken Pirtle presented an idea for a mosaic art proposed for the exterior wall on the south side of the Student Services Building.

Re-organization

Paul Matney distributed a copy of the organizational chart and congratulated to Lou Ann Seabourn on her promotion to Associate Dean of Instruction. She will be adding the Library to her branch. Bob Sloger has been assigned as Director of E-Learning Center. Ron Faulkner will be assigned to Bob's area. Also, Bob will take on Lou Ann's ITV/Telecourses area. Paul welcomed Judy Johnson to the Vice President's Council. She chairs the Academic Development division. She will supervisor of the HEP grant. Ed Nolte is now division chair of Industrial and Transportation Technologies.

"What's Happening with Enrollment?" – Dr. Brad Johnson

Paul congratulated Brad on his promotion to Vice President and Dean of Development. A power point and handout of the President's Forum was presented by Brad. Brad will present this power point to the Faculty Senate at a later date.

Revised Summer '07 Class Schedule (WSC)

Handout proposing revision of the summer schedule. Classes start after Memorial Day. Online classes will be eight weeks. Matney asked the council to be selective of the classes they want to run in a three week format. Lou Ann noted Bob Austin suggested the classes start on the same day of the week, (Mondays.) Fall classes will start in August on the 27th which is the same time as AISD. Nursing and Allied Health will start their summer classes on the 14th of May. Renee Vincent asked why Amarillo summer classes do not run in the afternoon; their classes make in the afternoon. Paul suggested Hereford and Dumas may adjust their schedules to the times that will work the best for them.

Outstanding Classified Employee Performance Awards

Matney reported at this time only have 5 nominations.

Monitor WECM Changes (division & department chairs & program coordinators)

WECM Training Session – March 7, 2007; Business & Industry Center; 10a – 3p

Matney asked division chairs to periodically monitor and audit the WECM changes. Sometimes the chairs are not checking the courses; go online and check the WECM changes to make sure they are being followed. We will be having a WECM training session on March 7, 2007 to better understand the process. All division and department chairs with WECM courses should attend.

Student Outcomes Assessment Training

Next week some of your faculty will be asked to volunteer to submit assignments that will meet one of the competencies listed in our catalog. A request will be made to attend a training session on how to complete PET forms and to include as many faculty as possible in your areas.

Reporting Fall Too & Spring Too Classes on FWA

The best way to report Fall Too classes on FWA is to not report them on the first FWA. It is best to wait for the second Fall Too FWA unless it is part of their 15 hour load.

Academic Advancement Approval Forms

Matney noted he sent some of the forms back to have the faculty embellish on their graduate courses. Ask faculty to state their case more thoroughly.

UT-Brownsville Articulation Agreement (BAT & BAAS)

Discussion on the report and attendance by Paul. Dr. Jones has signed the articulation agreement.

Midland College BAT Degree

There are eight Amarillo College AAS programs which can transfer to Midland College for a BAAS degree, up to 78 hour may transfer. Paul noted that he believes that Dr. Chapman and Dr. O'Brien from WTAMU want to recruit our students; this is good for Amarillo College.

Legislative Issues for Upcoming Session

Matney referred to the last handout in the packet – this is what Dr. Jones sees as our priorities for the 2007 legislative session.

Announcements:

Grade distribution – dual credit classes

Starting in the Fall, dual credit grade distributions will sent with your other grade distributions to be disbursed.

Perkins equipment approval

If you are approved for a certain amount and do not spend it all, you do not necessarily get to spend left over funds.

Minimum SCH to graduate changed to 60 hours

Academic Affairs approved 60 hours as the minimum hours in a degree plan for graduation instead of 62. We are not asking all areas to reduce hours.

Textbook prices

Faculty are urged to be aware of the rising cost of textbooks.

AC faculty image campaign

These ads will help us make a case with the possible bond issue next year.

Caprock initiative (STSU 0211) – Lou Ann Seabourn

Lou Ann reported we have 46 students that are participating in the Caprock initiative. Heather Atchely and Brenda Rush will be teaching STSC 0211 – Student Success to the Caprock students.

Tuition & fee analysis

The tuition and fees for Amarillo College is still the best deal around.

Top 10 qualities employers seek

Handout - Sunday's paper noted the top 10 employer's suggestions.

Matney reported SGA brought a suggestion on having a break in classes for students to attend club meetings or eat lunch. Judy Johnson suggested we have a standard time for club meetings. Students could then work the meetings around their schedule. She noted Diane Brice said they could put it in the schedule so students could work around it. Paul noted that we need to take this request seriously and offer alternatives. Paul wants to get back to these students to let them know our suggestions.