

**VPAA Council Summary
October 19, 2016**

Present: Deborah Vess, Emily Gilbert, Megan Eikner, Tamara Clunis, Toni Gray, Vicky Taylor-Gore, Daniel Esquivel, Renee Vincent and Heather Voran

Absent: Becky Burton, Kim Crowley, and Frank Sobey

Other: Toni Van Dyke

I. Minutes Approval

Minutes of September 21, will be reviewed and the online will be sent out tonight and will vote on it next time.
That way we will post them soon.

II. Updates on Strategic Plan

Strategic Plan has been updated and to be implemented by Fall 17. All 5 goals to be implemented by FA17.

BLOCK Scheduling was mandated in a certain number of career programs.

Latest update has Block scheduling across the board

Discussed possible methods for placing students on aligned blocks.

Will be asking for regular updates and about problems.

III. Rank and Tenure Updates

i. Faculty portfolios – deadlines

Deans need to plan according the Academic Affairs Calendar for the Faculty Portfolio deadlines.

ii. Faculty Handbook revisions to membership guidelines

Dr. Vess explained there are some issues in the handbook describing who can be on the committee and those ineligible. It has become an issue in being able to implement as it is presently designed as some areas do not have enough faculty eligible to serve. The problems implementing the current design is being presented to the senate.

Discussion followed.

IV. Faculty pay projects

The summer term is being discussed to and make it part of the pathway.

Steve is looking at faculty contracts to year around contracts. 9-month contract, change to a 5 or 6 term contract. Working with the idea of 8 week terms instead of semesters.

The present pay model is being studied for possible changes. Emily Gilbert shared some of the concerns.

Discussion followed: concerns will be submitted to Dr. Vess.

V. Scheduling 8 week courses

Latest draft, increase 8 week courses, all programs in Spring have to have 8 week .

FA I 2017 are showing success rates. Students are not balancing the 8 and 16 week courses together. Collin is to drill down for more data about these situations.

Does not include Dual Credit.

“All In”, Vess will get clarification from Russell.

VI. Texas 60x30 initiative

The draft agenda of the 60x30TX meeting held in Lubbock was shared with the committee.

Discussion followed:

Population by 2030 and the lower numbers of 8th graders discussed.

If involved while young, they are more inclined to go to college

Lil Badgers, High School visit days and camps

Percentage data is down in High Plains.

College Readiness, 29.9 percent meet readiness; 1 in 3 are not prepared.

Achievement Gap-Latinos and African-Americans WAY down.

You still need to be looking at the EMSI data.

VII. Texas Success – Pathways initiative (Data sharing)

November 2-4 Dr. Vess and others will be going to Austin to participate in a Pathways Project. Amarillo College is one of six colleges chosen to participate.

Texas Success Center data (handout) from FA12-FA15

Discussed spread sheets of completers (and non-completers).

VIII. Quick Updates

a. Online course team update – Heather Voran
Committee has met and have a plan, Becky Easton is chair and using Quality Matters. Following calendar for course redesign. Those not in redesign will be a train the trainer what is needed with Quality Matters.

b. Jason Norman's new position

Moving to Academic Affairs from Advising. Has a lot of High School Counseling experience and will spend a lot of time at Region 16 in regards to the Pathways. Jason will be reporting to Becky Burton.

IX. Class Climate

Heather Voran is working on incorporating the Survey response. We are not getting summer responses, that's a problem.

Do not send out anything yet about Fall Semester.
Will be seeing Summer's soon.

Adjourned at 4:50 pm