

Deans Council
Minutes – December 14, 2017
Ware Student Commons 207, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Members Present: Dr. Tamara Clunis, Frank Sobey, Dr. Carol Buse, Toni Gray, Kim Crowley, Daniel Esquivel, Mark Rowh, Renee Vincent, Vicky Taylor-Gore, Becky Burton. Edie Carter, Tina Babb

Others Present: Toni Van Dyke

Members Absent:

Dean of Technical Education

Dr. Clunis announced that Michael Kitten was the final candidate for the Dean of Technical Education position. It was decided and approved that there will also be an Associate Dean of Technical Education. Discussion followed regarding what the roles of the Dean and Associate Dean would be. The deans will visit one-on-one with Michael regarding employer outreach and employee engagement.

Professional Development

There are concerns about the lack of utilization of professional development by full-time faculty. Deans mentioned their faculty are planning to do their professional development in the spring. Discussion followed on how many professional development opportunities are left for faculty to attend and how departments can offer additional opportunities. Dr. Clunis read a touching letter from a student who had a positive experience with her math instructor. The letter was a reminder that high-impact practices and student engagement are essential for student success. There was a suggestion regarding providing professional development for tutors. Edie Carter mentioned Reem Witherspoon offered exceptional tutor training.

Crunch Week

Pam Madden was a huge part of the success of crunch week. Students utilized Crunch week and the first floor of Ware to study for their finals. Becky expressed the need for additional support from faculty and deans to help the students.

Surveys

There will be three separate surveys going out in a couple of months for faculty, deans, and classified to evaluate the Vice President of Academic Affairs. The deans were asked if they would like surveys to go out on them to their reports. The deans agreed they would like the feedback. The survey is to help the VPAA and deans to grow in their positions.

Other

There will be a meet and greet on January 4, 2018 for the deans to visit with Michael Kitten.