

Deans Council
Minutes – January 9, 2020
Ware Student Commons, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Members Present: Linda Munoz, Renee Vincent, Daniel Esquivel, Kim Crowley, Becky Easton, Tina Babb, David Hall, Jeannie George, Becky Burton, Edie Carter, Toni Gray, Carol Buse

Others Present: Jon McGuire

Members Absent: Tamara Clunis, Frank Sobey, Toni Van Dyke

Opening Remarks

Tina Babb introduced Jon McGuire as the new Assessment Coordinator for Institutional Effectiveness. Jon previously worked for the City of Amarillo as the Program Coordinator for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Issues

Becky Burton brings forward a problem the College is facing, with enrollment up, more students are being waitlisted for classes. The members present agreed the biggest challenge is the low number of instructors. The deans strategize how they can help resolve this issue, one idea was to better utilize adjuncts.

Updates

Chris Sharp, the new Chief Financial Officer, has officially started with Amarillo College. Once he gets settled into his new role, he will be invited to deans council.

Linda Munoz has been appointed the Dean of Technical Education.

Kim Boyd has been selected to fill the position as Associate Dean of Health Sciences and will be a new member attending deans council.

Texas Pathways Action Plan

Deans are reminded to turn in their Action Plans, as they will be receiving individual feedback on those assignments. The next Texas Pathways Institute #2 will be held in April. Deans will have pre-work they will be looking at in March before the next Institute.

Reminders

General Assembly will be held on January 31st, everyone is expected to attend and the meeting will cover our vision and strategic plan for the next 5 years.

The ACES meeting is next week, January 15th at the Downtown Campus and is mandatory for all faculty. ACES took the place of the All Faculty Meeting this month. This year ACES is completely driven by faculty, as the faculty development committee had total ownership of organizing the meeting.

New Information

New Student Orientation has moved to First-Year Experience. Amy Pifer, First-Year Experience Coordinator, is over First-Year Seminar and will be taking on New Student Orientation as well.

A committee was formed to develop an “Hire to Retire Plan” for faculty. This plan has been vetted by the Rank & Tenure Committee, and the Faculty Senate. Plans will be shared with deans council at a later date.