

Deans Council
Minutes – January 21, 2021
Virtually, GoToMeeting - 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Members Present: Tina Babb, Kim Boyd, Becky Burton, Carol Buse, Edie Carter, Kim Crowley, Becky Easton, Daniels Esquivel, Toni Gray, David Hall, Jeannie George, Michelle Lamons, Linda Muñoz, Frank Sobey, Renee Vincent, Barbra Wahi

Others Present: Toni Van Dyke, Amber White

Members Absent: Tamara Clunis

NEW STUDENT RESOURCE FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Ms. White reported that Amarillo College has a new partnership with Heal the City. The student is able to be seen at Heal the City the same day that AC refers them. Additionally, the student does not need to be insured to be seen at Heal the City. If a student has insurance then they will need to see the ARC to get help with co-payments. The service is offered to both the Hereford and Moore County students with referral from Amber White.

LEADERSHIP EVALUATIONS

Ms. Burton mentioned the first round of evaluations is for the Vice President, Associate Vice President's and the Deans. Human Resources will send out evaluations for the chairs and other directors at a later date. The council discussed the questions emailed to them earlier in the week by Mr. Sobey. Ms. Babb pointed out there is a lot of choices for the evaluator to choose from. After discussion the council recommended that the option not applicable be removed and to add the option not observed. Additionally, it was agreed to keep the comments box for each question. Mr. Esquivel suggested the comments section required if the option not observed is chosen. Ms. Burton and Mr. Sobey will continue to work on the questions and will email the updated draft to the council once completed for additional review.

LEADERSHIP MEETING FOLLOW-UP – FYS/QEP/BUDGET

Mr. Sobey asked the council if they had any concerns regarding the information on FYS, QEP, and budgets provided during the January 12, 2021 Leadership Meeting. The council did not have any questions or concerns. Mr. Sobey reminded everyone that budgets are due to their Associate Vice President by February 19, 2021.

Ms. Burton stated FYS is for students who are in their first semester of college. However, making it the first course taken will require a lot of sections and a lot of faculty so we might not be able to accommodate everyone in the first semester. All first time in college students will be required to take the course. Students who have degrees from other college's might be able to waive course. Additionally, the course is not required for certificate programs. Lastly, FYS will be modified to specific communities for example, STEM, Liberal Arts, etc.

SUCCESS 360

Ms. Burton stated she is talking with a company to film and edit video of each community to be added to the Success 360 website. Each community will have its own webpage for students to visit that spotlights community and the faculty in it. The website is expected to launch by the end of March 2021. Deans were asked to visit with their faculty, staff, and students to see who would like to participate.

SUMMER/FALL 2021

Mr. Sobey reminded everyone that Amarillo College will stay tech supported through the spring of 2021. However, face-to-face courses will resume in the summer and fall. Chairs and program coordinators were asked to consider increasing online course offerings.

2021-22 SCHEDULES AND TECH SUPPORTED/ONLINE

Deans reported the 2021-22 schedules are showing a blend of in-person, tech supported, and online course offerings.

Mr. Esquivel stated Hereford had a huge increase in enrollment due offering tech supported courses. He is concerned in a drop-in enrollment if the tech supported option is no longer offered. Ms. Vincent also stated that Moore County has the highest enrollment her off-campus instructional site has seen to date as well.

Ms. Burton and Mr. Sobey are working with Collin Witherspoons to see if the data for tech support courses is having a positive outcome for the students.