

Deans Council
Minutes – March 4, 2021
Virtually, GoToMeeting, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Members Present: Frank Sobey, Becky Burton, Edie Carter, Jeannie George, Linda Munoz, David Hall, Tina Babb, Renee Vincent, Kim Boyd, Kim Crowley, Daniel Esquivel, Toni Van Dyke, Barbara Wahi, Toni Gray, Becky Easton

Members Absent: Tamara Clunis, Carol Buse, Michelle Lamons

Others Present: Collin Witherspoon

Tech-Supported & Student Survey

Collin Witherspoon created a tech-supported survey for the Fall 2020 students that returned for Spring 2021 to understand if AC should continue to provide the tech-supported mode for students.

Results of the survey:

- 4907 invitations sent out – 358 responses. (7.3%)
- Satisfaction (Mean: 3.68)
 - Very High – 32.4%
 - High – 24.58%
 - Medium – 21.79%
 - Low – 7.54%
 - Very Low – 8.66%
 - No Tech-Supported Classes – 5.03%
- Engagement (Mean: 3.51)
 - Very High – 32.4%
 - High – 24.58%
 - Medium – 21.79%
 - Low – 7.54%
 - Very Low – 8.66%
- Likely to enroll in a Tech-Supported Course Again (Mean: 3.63)
 - Very Likely – 32.4%
 - Likely – 24.58%
 - Not Sure – 21.79%
 - Unlikely – 7.54%
 - Very Unlikely – 8.66%

According to Collin, AC doesn't need to continue the tech-supported mode since COVID numbers are down. However, because there is an interest in tech-supported courses, there should be a discussion at the department level to see if it would be beneficial to continue in certain areas.

Becky Burton suggests that all the Deans talk to their Department Chairs and Faculty to get their input on the tech-supported courses and allow faculty to teach a few tech-supported courses in Fall 2021. Then, depending on the discussions and the tech-supported courses taught in the Fall, Dean's Council will further discuss a tech-supported plan.

Hereford and Moore County Campus has benefited from tech-supported learning and decided they will continue offering tech-supported courses.

Masks & Impact of Executive Order

Despite executive orders from Governor Abbot no longer mandating masks, AC will continue to social distance and wear masks until further clarity from the community about ending the mandate what that might look like for AC.

Becky Burton clarified that in-person events are allowed. However, if the event is going to have food catered, it must be individually wrapped or boxed, and people will need to social distance still. As far as capacity goes, 50% is not required, but it must maintain social distancing. COVID Task Force will be meeting again next week to clarify more about these topics.

Transition process of BLC (Business Leadership Council)

Barbara will send a self-assessment survey to all deans, program coordinators, faculty, and staff participating in an advisory board committee. The purpose of the survey is to provide information on the effectiveness of the current advisory board committees and how to improve them as they transition to the Business Leadership Council.

Implicit Bias Training

Frank and Becky Burton would like to bring in Dr. Sylvia Burgess to work with dean's councils more on implicit bias.

Hiring Document

Becky Burton has been working closely with Cindy Lanham on hiring practices and processes for hiring full-time faculty. Deans were asked to email Becky Burton their suggestions or concerns on the practices.

Class Climate Surveys

A few of the deans expressed concern about the low completion rates of the class climate surveys. Frank and Becky Burton are in a preliminary conversation with a company about how to increase response rates in an online response system. Conversation took place on how each dean has tried different methods over the years.