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Deans Council Agenda
Tuesday, January 8 at 1:00pm
Rothwell 456

I.   Dr. Robertson – HLC update
        (Evaluation of part-time faculty members)
        HLC will be on campus November 9-10, 2020. atu.edu/hlc has criteria,
        timelines, and working group information and steering committee
        membership. A mock visit will be held spring 2020 and corrections to take
        place during summer 2020.

II.   Student Success – Dr. Jason Warnick
        Roundtable about each college's success:
        <u>*Business, Dr. Toms*</u>*: Invited B2E students to tailgates; host a scavenger hunt*
        and document the finds through social media.
        <u>*Arts & Humanities, Dr. Woods*</u>*: Used information sent out from Dr. Warnick*
        and focused on advising. Currently working on an Advising Mission Statement
        and create a culture of advising.
        <u>*Education, Dr. Bean*</u>*: Advising and constant contact with students.*
        <u>*eTech, Dr. Aulgur*</u>*: Mentorship program and targeted programs toward the*
        adult learner. Created a spring orientation module for all students with step-
        by-step processes.
        <u>*Natural & Health Sciences, Dr. Robertson*</u>*: Noted an obstacle: knowing how*
        much tuition is owed and the timing of scholarships being applied. Staff
        turnover can effect student turnover.
        <u>*Engineering & Applied Sciences, Dr. Cezeaux*</u>*: Work with students to pre-*
        approve courses they plan to transfer in to make sure they will be accepted.
        Advising is more than registration; it is about building a relationship with
        students.

<u>*Upcoming Deadlines and Events*</u>
January 9: Professional Development Day 1:30 pm, Doc Bryan Auditorium
January 14: Classes Begin
January 17: Board of Trustees Meeting 1 pm, RPL
January 21: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Campus Closed
January 23: Budget Advisory Meeting 2 pm, RTH 456
January 24: Time Out for Tech

OIS, Ken Wester: Reemphasize policies to all students. Treat all procedures like new to make sure all students are aware.
Registrar's Office, Tammy Weaver: Students who register late receive a reminder about attendance; holds less than $500 will not affect registration for the next semester.

III. Academic Affairs budget request
Promotion increases are not new money and the University has already made this commitment. The Council ranked the budget items on a 1 through 4 scale, 1 being the most important and 4 being the least, and submitted those to Dr. Bridgmon at the meeting. No further discussion.

IV. Proposed White Papers for Spring
Math is working on an Applied Statistics Bachelor and Master degree. A&H is working on a performance certificate for Music/Theatre/Debate. Continue thinking about converting minors to certificates.

V. Roundtable
Tammy Weaver brought to the attention of the Council some students are requesting the use of back catalogs even when the student was not enrolled. She also mentioned this is practice for other universities and has been brought up in recent MOU talks. The decision whether or not to allow students to use past catalogs will be left up to Dean to approve.

During the recent Fee Committee meeting, Ken requested a reallocation of his Technology Fee that went to E&G while Mr. Etzel requested a 25 cent increase to the Library Fee in order to receive the whole $1 previously requested during the last budget cycle. He presented information regarding how funding for the ATU Library compares to other institutions in the state. In 2017, ATU ranked last in the number of holdings per student.

Wyatt has sent out an email request to the Deans regarding the Economic Impact Study Tech is participating in. He will be asking for information regarding patents, companies, and licenses created from academic research dollars. He needs this information by January 20.

Ken Wester reminded the Council OIS does not take on any new projects two weeks before the start of each semester.

Tammy Weaver mentioned Banner 9. A new channel is located under INB in OneTech. Training will be held at a later date.