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Deans Council Agenda
Tuesday, February 5 at 1:00pm
Rothwell 456

I. Student Success – Dr. Jason Warnick
a. Tech Advise Information

Advising model for freshman; half-day program for students that will allow for college and department interaction, parent sessions, and end with group advising. 73 students have already signed up for the different sessions. Dr. Warnick will send out more information regarding numbers closer to each session. If you have specific needs for your session, please contact Meighan Burke, mburke1@atu.edu.

The outcome is to engage the students, give them an introduction to our majors, and make a final sale to get students excited about attending ATU. Sessions are designed to have between 100 – 120 students. The deadline to register is the week before each session.

Dr. Warnick has been working with Barnes and Noble on ways to make textbooks more affordable. A 6-month subscription to an ebook manufacture can cost students about \$119. This subscription would allow students to get ebooks on the first day of class. February 26, in Doc Bryan 242 11 am – 2 pm will be the Faculty Textbook Affordability Fair. Cengage, Pearson, and McGraw-Hill reps will be on campus pitching their materials. Kelcie Pagel, B&N Manager, will be on hand to process textbook adoptions. An email has been sent out to all faculty.

II. Curriculum

Representatives from the Advising Center will attend the next Dean's meeting, February 19, to discuss degree maps and how well they match the catalog.

Upcoming Deadlines and Events

February 8: Interdisciplinary Research Series, Dr. David Plaxco, RCB 134 3:30 – 4:30 pm

February 8: Deadline to nominate for Excellence Awards

February 11: Women to Watch Series, Normal Art Building

April 15: Faculty Evaluations due to Academic Affairs

III. Roundtable

Dr. Jenkins: The GGC served 98 individuals during January. The GGC is in need of food. SGA is hosting a canned food sculpture contest open to all student organizations and the food will be given to the GGC. An order for food from the Arkansas Food Bank has been placed and pick up will be February 15. Donations of food can be made directly to the cupboard or monetary donations can be submitted through Foundation. The Foundation name is Food Recovery/Green and Gold Cupboard. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 3 - 6 pm and Friday 12 – 3pm.

66 Honors freshmen have signed on for the fall.

Tammy Weaver: Banner 9 training for the department heads and administrative staff is currently taking place. Schedules for summer, fall, and winter intersession are due to the deans February 22. There will be Banner 9 training for everyone the week before Spring Break.

Graduation Fair will be March 6 – 7 in the Bookstore.

The catalog goes live March 1. Registration opens March 25.

Ken Wester: Adobe Creative Cloud is now available to all faculty and staff on both campuses. Just a reminder, to not update the current software on your computer. Each person has the option to use two licenses; one on their office computer and one other device.

As phishing scams increase, all faculty and staff are discouraged from using their ATU ID on external sites. If the account is not Tech related, it would be best to use a different ID and password.

Dr. Cezeaux: Thanked Dr. Robertson and Dr. Bright for help on the Grade Appeal and Academic Integrity policies. Major changes include deadlines and final decisions made by the Dean or Ad Hoc committees. The student handbook is updated and approved by the Board every August so changes should be submitted before the Student Affairs deadline. Changes need to be submitted for review by the Faculty Senate and Executive Council also.

Mr. Etzel: Following the Strategic Plan, Goal 4, the Library has several community engagement opportunities coming up for spring 2019. Dr. Stan

Lombardo will be speaking about the writing process at the Second Monday Author Series, Monday, February 11 at 7 pm in RPL 300B; Contra Dance, Saturday, February 9 and April 6, 7 – 9 pm in RPL 300B; Spinning Yarns, Saturday, February 16, 10 am – 2 pm in RPL 300B; The 4th Annual International Film Festival will begin Wednesday, February 27 at 7 pm in the Doc Bryan Lecture Hall; Hand Quilting, Saturday, March 9, 9 am – 12 noon in RPL 300B.

Dr. Woods: There is currently one student enrolled in the study away program and four students have signed up for next year.

There are 400 plus student applications and about 25 faculty applications for Arkansas Governor's School. Faculty interested are still encouraged to apply.

A&H is participating in the Joy Project. There is a focus on faculty satisfaction and having a work-life balance. Collecting stories from the classroom of ah-ha moments.

Dr. Aulgur: Thanked everyone for their help on the UACCM 2+2 MOU. They are discussing classes UACCM students are interested in and meeting with UACCM about every two weeks.

Dr. Bean: Inquired about BlackBoard portfolio and why it was not used during the recent P&T round. Using BlackBoard portfolio is not off the table and can be revisited. At the time, there were issues of access, timing, and ease of use. The faculty member would have been the one to grant access to those who needed to review the material at specific times and also remove access once that step was complete.

Dr. Toms: The chair of the College of Business AACSB review will be on campus March 4. Currently working on their continuous review report.

Dr. Cezeaux: How do other colleges verify if courses meet the college distinction requirement? Deans shared they left this up to the departments. Dr. Jenkins shared with the Honors courses, students enroll in the course and are required to complete 20 additional hours of work.