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Deans Council Agenda  
Tuesday, April 9 at 1:00pm  
Rothwell 456

I. Dr. Brett Bruner and Delton Gordon – Vision for LLC's

Mr. Delton Gordon addressed the group. (Handout) Benefits for students participating in LLCs can lead to higher 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> year retention rates, more student interactions, more engaged, greater collaborative learning, and better impact on GPA. LLC applications have doubled from last year. So far, there have been 260 applications received and 300 are expected by May 1<sup>st</sup>. M Street is designated for the freshman only first year student experience. M Street has 312 beds and 20 staff for a 1:16 ratio. M Street includes 10 study rooms, a conference room, and two computer labs on each floor.

Plan to create a partnership to include involvement from faculty and to develop yearlong curriculum, which would allow faculty to check in with the students. The goal is to fill M Street with LLC to accommodate 65-67 students on one floor. Current LLCs include Lascos (Spanish), Engineering 1 (freshman) and Engineering 2 (upper level), Leadership, Civic Engagement, Resorts and Rec, and Honors.

Dr. Buford expressed concerns. The current EAS LLCs are not happy; not involved in changes or conversations about changes. Cohorts needed to take classes together leads to discriminations of students who did not score on the ACT as well. Agri, 1<sup>st</sup> LLC, looked at like a family. Heavily invested by faculty and students and were not consulted with the move. A concern about the increase of beds per room is a concern; the rooms in Nutt Hall are designed for two beds per room but now there are three or four per room. Mr. Gordon stated triple rooms are available at a reduced rate of 90% of the cost and plan to continue the reduction to 80%. The vision for the EAS LLCs was for the college to have a whole building or single location. Based on ACT and other application requirements, the students who need the LLCs the most will be cut off from the opportunity. Mr. Gordon stated adjustments can be made to accommodate other students.

Upcoming Deadlines and Events

April 19: Last day to drop with a "W"

April 23: Budget Advisory Meeting, Rothwell 456 1 pm

April 23: P & T Reception, Lake Point Conference Center 3 pm

Dr. Jenkins reiterated that University Honors was not consulted about the hall change either or the change in occupancy.

Dr. Woods suggested creating an advisory committee to involve all stakeholders of LLCs.

A long-term goal is to expand LLCs to include upper classman and house 2<sup>nd</sup> year LLCs in Nutt Hall. The deadline to establish an LLC is Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.

## II. eTech Course Development Compensation

Dr. Aulgur discussed how course development should be on a volunteer basis. Paying for online course development is not a sustainable option.

Dr. Woods inquired if HLC has a take on development for online courses vs. face-to-face courses. HLC does not. The question was posed, then why are we paying for one thing but not another? Dr. Aulgur suggested all online courses should be run through quality matters and beta test QM for about 2 years.

Dr. Bridgmon suggested online courses must go through level one professional development. Something that is already existing or new through faculty orientation. Part two, beta test advanced levels. Group: show leadership on fazing out compensation for development for online courses.

Dr. Aulgur would like to see the instructional designs team become consultants for campus rather than reviewing all courses that come in. Dr. Woods said the ownership should belong to department. The eTech certification course can be taken on a faculty members own time over a 6-week period. Over a 1/3 of faculty have already completed online certification.

***Action: Dr. Bridgmon will bring a policy on online teaching. Deans, please show leadership in fazing out compensation for online course development.***

## III. Student Success – Dr. Jason Warnick

Tech Advise Information – Dr. Bridgmon read a statement from Dr. Warnick thanking the Dean's for their participation with the new initiative. Dr. Toms expressed concern about Student Affairs not consulting the colleges before assigning locations for the Advise sessions. College of Business wants to have their sessions in the building where they are located.

## IV. Roundtable

Ad Astra issues. The system does not always let the person reserving the space know if an event is canceled and has double booked rooms in the recent past. Tammy Weaver noted the technology in some rooms change often and if it is not updated in Ad Astra then it could give incorrect information. College of Business wants to designate certain rooms as their own. Mrs. Weaver suggested reserving a space at the beginning of the year and make reoccurring events for semester. Or a room, such as Rothwell 456, could be removed from Ad Astra.

***Action: Dr. Bridgmon will pass along the concerns to Ms. Hinkle.***

Tammy Weaver – Graduate courses that are cross-listed need to include the additional requirements on the syllabi for 4000 and 5000 level courses.

Faculty Senate contacted Mrs. Weaver to inquire about why the Registrar's Office can't do degree audits for all students. Faculty Senate has posed the idea of the Registrar's Office to take this on from the beginning. Mrs. Weaver noted the need for additional staff to accommodate this request. Advisors have the ability to run the degree audits via Degree Works. Mrs. Weaver suggested continued education for department heads to assist with this process.

***Actions: A sub-group will get together to talk a few times before the next Faculty Senate meeting in May. Dr. Bridgmon will assign the members.***

Wyatt Watson –An Analytics tab has been created and displays in OneTech. The data is minimal right now, but deans, department heads, AA and Enrollment Management can view this tab. This tab includes Enrollment Funnell information.

Dr. Woods – Distributed a handout regarding the Advising Handbook work and asked the deans for feedback. Also in the handout, is a list of takeaways from the Angelo State trip.

***Action: Please provide Dr. Woods with your feedback.***