

Dean's Council
August 3, 2020
Academic Affairs
3:00 – 5:00pm

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Return to Campus

- Immediate Concerns
 - Masks for adjuncts are available for pickup from Academic Affairs on Thursday, August 6 as well as tape for marking the floor. In addition, Prioritizing Academic Programs and Services, book will be available. Dr. Robertson will help establish a reading assignment.

COVID Taskforce

- Dr. Cezeaux shared the furniture in El Paso has not been removed as requested. Also, several administrative assists are still missing their requested plexiglass for their offices. Dr. Bean indicated furniture has not been removed from Crabaugh. If your building is missing signage, Dr. Schoephoerster recommended printing your own signs to put on the interiors. **Action: Andrea will send out an email for AmeriCorps. Dr. Johnson will communicate with the Association Band members located at El Paso and Upward Bound that previously had contact with Ms. Hinkle.**

ACPG

- Transition to Online Class
 - Just under 6,000 students received the email launch from Sam regarding their schedules changing. Tammy and Marika did a follow up mongoose announcement. Dr. Aulgur would like to have a central location for documents related to student requirements and it was suggested these be housed on the Academic Affairs Pandemic Information Page.
- Training/Professional Development
 - Appointments will be available beginning next Monday for BlackBoard, Kaltura, and additional resources.
- Communication – Department Heads / Faculty
 - Including Dr. Jason Patton, Chair of Department Heads Council, on all related emails. Deans, please send out communication to your department heads and faculty.

3:30 – 3:50

Planning Post-COVID Academic Affairs

- Program Evaluation System

- Once available, financial information will be shared.
- Curriculum Efficiency Suggestions
 - One research course for graduate students.
 - Applied Sociology with Criminal Justice track; lower enrollment and graduates. In the ADHE board report for July 31, 2020, this program was noted as having consistently low enrollment. Ruffello-Noel-Levitz even spoke about this program and how it should be identified as a Criminal Justice degree.
- IR Data Needed
 - Any data that can be sent to faculty ahead of time, let's have that ready for them to review.
- Department Heads/Faculty
 - How will this be rolled out to the faculty? Perhaps, Dr. Bowen will discuss academic restructuring in her update. She will also cover budget concerns and forecasts.
- AAUP Guidelines
 - Involvement of faculty will be essential.
 - Dr. Cass stated he thinks the faculty will buy into the effort. The phrasing of the restructure needs to be addressed so faculty can see this as an opportunity to start or update new programs.

3:50 – 4:00

HLC

Strategic Plan

4:00 – 4:15

AA Calendar - No change from last week. Hope to have this to the Deans for final review this week.

AA Update / Emeritus Presentations – Please send your suggestions to Dr. Johnson on how these should be presented other than using a PowerPoint. New faculty pictures and information will scroll between Dr. Bowen and Dr. Johnson's address. Dr. Robertson suggested talking about what the re-envisioning means for Academic Affairs, using clear and plain language. Dr. Bean suggested positive and motivating address.

Blackboard Expectations – Training moved to Friday, August 14 after the HLC expectations but written communication will go out prior.

4:15 – 4:40

College Highlight Reel (3-minute highlight reel)

Dr. Johnson asked the Deans to send pictures of what the pooled money purchased.

Dr. Bean – moving people from the ANEX to CLL. Move faculty to Crabaugh in December. October or November will have an announcement by CAEP. Coordinator called to ask for their format for the virtual visit.

Dr. Cezeaux – The new Parks, Rec, and Hospitality faculty member, Dr. Michael Bradley, will work with Leadership Tech Cohort 4 project to create new outdoor spaces for students. He will work with students to create these interactive gathering spaces.

Dr. Aulgur – eTech team to receive all the kudos. Document formatting, preparing more trainings, Professional Studies advising teams worked with History and Political Science and Behavioral Sciences departments to work with their online students.

Dr. Robertson – this fall will bring the largest new faculty class Natural and Health Sciences has had in 23 years. New ideas expected.

Dr. Cass – \$900,000 raised for scholarships. Dr. Cass is publishing an article on the pandemic.

Dr. Schoephoerster –Sarah Burnett in the Graduate College focusing on DegreeWorks and degree certifications. Working in Sponsored Programs coordinating STEM education research and working with community and industry engagement as well.

Dr. Jones – AACSB visit, found two issues, had to write a CIR report. Report has been reviewed and the College believes it has addressed concerns. One search for department head is expected to occur this fall. Most faculty requested to be online. Spent today setting up laptops for those needs. Only 2.5-3% below SSCH compared to last year. Visited with Foundation to see if founder and CEO of Centennial Bank, Johnny Allison, would be interested in coming to speak on campus.

Dr. Johnson inquired if there have been faculty who do not meet any qualifications but have expressed they do not want to teach on campus? A few Deans answered yes, a handful but they have been dealt with on an individual basis.

Pat mentioned a faculty member reached out to her about going to ¾ time. No Deans can confirm this. If there are any notifications, please make sure they know to let someone other than HR know.

4:40 – 4:50

Announcements, Future Agenda Items
Program Directors

Dr. Luay Wahsheh has resigned in Computer Science and Dr. Jerry Wood will be the interim Department Head.

4:50 – 4:55

Recap / Next Steps

4:55

Adjournment!