

RP Advisory Committee Meeting

May 1, 2019

Attendees: Bill Jackson, Kimberly Rea, Robert Duggan, Terrell Hope, Tyler Rollins, Kerry Shannon, Nathan Hudgens, Hollie Sanders, Glen Bishop, Karen Hall, Cathi McMahan, Sarah Keating, Jeff Caplinger

Welcome and Introductions by Dr. Cathi McMahan.

Reading and approval of minutes from meeting held January 18, 2018

The bi-laws sub-committee that was formed in previous meeting was disbanded. It was determined the committee is no longer necessary.

ATU Campus Updates: There are many changes in Administration. Dr. Phillip Bridgeman has been acting as interim VPAA. Dr. Barbara Johnson has been hired as new VPAA who will start on July 1, 2019. Dr Judy Cezeaux is the new Dean of College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. The Living Learning Communities are being consolidated and will continue through the new academic year. Jay Post and Susan West are continuing as advisors. Lake Point Conference Center is ceasing operations this summer.

Williamson Fire: There have been no decisions made at this time as what will be done with the building. South Hall has been sold to St. Mary's and we will be moving to 404 N El Paso sometime this summer. No dates are definite. Looking for locations as to where we will have Food Labs.

Career Opportunity Day was held in March. We had over 40 vendors in attendance in the Young Ballroom. It was held in the ballroom due to the fire and had lots of space for more vendors. We are considering this location for the future.

Therapeutic Recreation program now requires six content courses for certification. In the process of meeting with advisory committee for guidance.

Some discussions have been in place with Jay Miller regarding a certificate program. We are thinking this would be good for small museum interpretation. It would consist of 18 hours – marketing class – grant writing class. Also be beneficial at the municipal level. Hollie Sanders and Kimberly Rea volunteered to assist with the planning.

The department is thinking of building a trails class. This would be for learning to build trails. Discussion followed. Excellent idea – also possible to get a MOA with the locals. Also possible grants available.

Does Landscape Planning & Design need to be a separate class? Or could it be combined with Site Planning?

Thought on an Interdisciplinary course? Discussion followed with several ideas. Tourism be the “key word”. Problem based? Economy of Tourism, workplace communication, public conflicts.

COPART Accreditation was to have been in April 2019 has been postponed until Spring of 2020. The self-study is due 8 weeks prior to the visit.

ATU Scholarships: The Theresa Herrick golf tournament fundraiser is scheduled for 9/20/19. We are needing teams to participate as well as hole sponsorship.

Hollie suggested having an outdoor expo or softball tournament.

No further discussion – Meeting Adjourned.