

Academic Structure & Faculty Committee
Strategic Planning Committee
Wednesday, October 14, 2015
Minutes

The Academic Structure & Faculty Committee met on Wednesday, October 14, 2015, in RPL 326. Members present: Jon Clements, John Freeman, Eric Lovely, and Lesley Snider, and V. Carole Smith. Absent: Lucas Maxwell and Pat Edmunds.

Items discussed:

1. Online education - Present and Future – Dr. Hanna Norton
 - a. Currently 375,000 Arkansans with 75% of college but not completed degrees.
 - b. 84 courses vetted
 - c. Require developers to create learning objectives, activities and assessment and then create shell for the course.
 - d. Currently have bachelors of Professional Studies.
 - e. eTech certification courses
 - i. 18 enrolled this semester
 - ii. 4 face-to-face meetings and the remainder online
 - iii. \$500 device for those completing certification.
 - f. 244 online courses that are being offered that are not eTech courses and have not been vetted.
 - g. Need to create a cycle for review and it is suggested every 3 years.
 - h. Goals:
 - i. 76% of tenured faculty certified for online instruction during next 5 years.
 - ii. Increase online course quality
 - i. HLC REQUIREMENTS
 - i. In the past had to contact and pay each state individually to offer courses in that state. Now there is SARA, an organization that Tech has joined that for one set fee of \$6,000 per year, agreements can be made in SARA states and be covered by the \$6,000.
 - ii. HLC has requirements for online courses so Tech is embracing those and will be integrated into the online courses.
 - iii. Two things:
 1. What is it that sets Tech apart?
 2. Better at offering students from other states courses.
 - iv. Potential impacts with new Academic Vice President of Academic Affairs
 1. Moving all online courses under eTech umbrella?
 2. Credentialing
 - j. As move forward with eTech courses:
 - i. 30-35 estimated class size
 - ii. University owns for 2 years
 - iii. Allow online students to get an ID from Tech.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Johnette Moody