

DEANS' COUNCIL

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Present: Fritz Erickson, Mike Cron, Don Flickinger, Ellen Haneline, Michelle Johnston, Matt Klein, Ian Mathison, Ron McKean, Leah Monger, Dave Nicol, Tracy Powers, Bill Potter, Robbie Teahen.

Online Discussion

Fritz Erickson distributed copies of the draft proposal for Online. The deans reviewed and discussed the proposal. The deans discussed the option of a new model for online load for faculty. Deans believe that we need to have standards and criteria of faculty who teach online with the proposed model – they stressed the need for faculty to have certification for teaching online classes. The proposed model provides incentives for faculty to teach online classes. This proposal only applies to fully online classes – it does not apply to hybrid classes or mixed delivery classes.

It was suggested the deans review their online classes for Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 and work through the costs using the current model and the proposed model to see the impact it would have in their college. The hope is that with the proposed model, we will have less need for supplemental faculty and realize dollar savings overall.

Fritz asked the deans to get back with him regarding this proposal by the end of this week with their thoughts about the proposal. He will work on the draft for Online this week after he hears from the deans.

Robbie Teahen distributed to everyone present an article from the “Journal of online Learning and Teaching” about meeting the challenges of teaching large online classes.

Release Time Discussion

Fritz Erickson distributed a release time report prepared by Kim Wilber. He said the report shows a total of 41.185 FTE were released for Fall and Spring Semester for FY 2010. Matt Klein shared with everyone present a summary of their college’s release time grouped by the type of release time, i.e., division service (academic senate, HLC, Gen Ed Coordinator; release that is coded as release to another college, release due to work load agreements, i.e., SCWK program coordinator, Williams Auditorium mgr.; standardization of workload review – program coordinators for Biology, Biotechnology, etc; and also the release time for assessment coordinators which will end after this year. The deans stated that some of the accrediting agencies for their programs require that a program coordinator must have release time for the coordination of their program. The goal in reviewing release time is to see if there is a way to reduce this as a cost savings for the University.

Summer Semester

Don Flickinger talked about scheduling for Summer 2010. The deans as administrators are in control of the schedule of classes. Fritz will send a note to the deans regarding summer scheduling with the charge to be careful and prudent in scheduling. Don Flickinger will provide a report to Fritz showing how many classes were offered last summer along with the enrollment in the classes.

Fritz Erickson distributed a copy of the Academic Affairs Good News that will be shared with the President's Council tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Submitted by Maureen Milzarski