

Chairs' Council
August 10, 2010
Rankin Center – Centennial Room
RAN 252
8:30 am – 10:00 am

Agenda

1. Negotiations Update (Miles Postema)
2. Procedure Change in Disabilities Services (Deb Cox)
3. Council Name and Membership (Woolen/Karafa)
4. Adjunct Training/Orientation Initiative (Steve Reifert)
5. Updates/Open Forum

Latest Version of Our Charge:

The Academic Affairs Chairs' Council will promote collaboration in the Division of Academic Affairs; provide a forum for the development, exchange, and promotion of ideas and best practices; and discuss implementation of policies shared by the Deans' Council and Division of Academic Affairs that impact processes and procedures.

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Handouts

Agenda with newly adopted Chairs' Council Charge
Faculty Contract Negotiations Progress Review
Professor Notice of Classroom Accommodations
Welcome Back Week flyer & postcard from FCTL

Minutes

Announcements:

Deborah Dawson was welcomed as a new member of Chairs' Council. She joins the College of Engineering Technology as Director of CEEMS (School of Computer, Electrical, Energy, Mechanical and Surveying Systems).

Don Flickenger reported Paul Blake is doing well, recuperating from open heart surgery, and planning his return to campus mid-semester.

Negotiations Update

Miles Postema reported that FFA contract negotiations are progressing slowly but deliberately and are now in their 13th month.

Math Prerequisites

Don Flickinger shared that currently different programs have different prerequisite requirements for math courses. It is strongly felt that if students are to succeed in a second math course a grade of D or less is simply not adequate preparation. We are planning to adopt a standard policy that a grade of C- or better is required in all math courses taken as a prerequisite to a subsequent math course. If a program requires only one math course, that program can set their required grade requirement. Proposal is that this be effective Fall, 2011. Chairs Council members were asked for comments / concerns. All members present agreed this change would be supported.

Items from the Floor – Open Discussion

Budget issues were the main concern of council members with the following comments/concerns expressed:

- Although cuts are being widely discussed it's important equal stress should be placed on revenue with increased efforts and methods for recruitment and admissions. We must maintain our current size. Strongly market the programs we excel in.

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- If we are to keep programs viable we may need to move funding from some and give to others to keep a balance.
- Budget discussions being handled very differently across campus with some colleges inviting college member participation and others discouraging it.
- We should find ways for meaningfully reward innovations and be able to adapt and adopt new teaching innovations. We must be able to move quickly to implement accepted changes.
- We are hopeful the FFA contract renewal agreement can be reached before spring semester concludes demonstrating our commitment to provide quality instruction come fall.
- Don will ask Provost to attend future Chairs Council meeting for update.

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am

Minutes submitted by: Gayle Driggers