Provost Council Meeting

Minutes

March 13, 2015

Meeting called by: Rosanne Stripling, Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

Members include: Nancy Jordan, Glenda Ballard, Larry Davis, Donald Peterson, Bill McHenry, Liz Patterson, Teri Stover, Carl Greig, Callie Fortenberry, Peter Racheotes, and Jana Boatright

Members Absent:

Guest: Recorder: Norma McCormick

I. Assessment & Accreditation update Dr. Jordan

Dr. Jordan gave an update to Taskstream and data that still needs to be updated in the system. She discussed reports that she pulled that shows missing data and how the group can pull those reports themselves for review. She discussed the need to come up with a student learning outcome for the areas of research and service because they are tied to our mission. Dr. Jordan stated that SACS requires us to assess items that are detailed in our mission. Dr. Jordan has drafted an assessment with two learning outcomes which will go to the A3C committee for approval. When the data is put in then the learning outcomes can be mapped to the research or service area.

Faculty will have three options for completing course evaluations for the spring. An email with a link to a google form will go out to all faculty for them to choose either CoursEval, the pilot of Blackboard survey tool, or use of paper and scantron version. If they do not make a selection, then the default is CoursEval.

Dr. Jordan is working on development of written procedures and documentation for substantive change, revising the External Program Review, and revising the Institutional Effectiveness manual.

Dr. Jordan received official notification that we don’t have to do a prospectus for the new doctorate or BSN programs.

She is meeting with members of the Reaffirmation Task Force to outline and write narratives for the compliance certificate. The university is 181 days away from submission of the SACSCOC Compliance Certificate.

II. 2020 Stretch Goals Dr. Stripling

Dr. Stripling presented handouts of the 2020 Stretch Goals submitted to the system and asked the group to review the data. She discussed the 4 handouts regarding the stretch goals.

III. Updates from PAC

- Increase parking from $25 to $30, effective 15-16 Dr. Stripling
- Establish an “Event Participation” taskforce
- Website Conversion (April 15th)

Dr. Stripling gave updates to items presented to the PAC regarding the parking fee increase, establishing an “Event Participation” taskforce, and the major overhaul to the website.

IV. Significant Events, Activities, and Accomplishments Dr. McHenry
Dr. McHenry commented that we need to have better communication about significant events, activities, and accomplishments of the university.

V. Department Updates

Dr. Peterson announced that the university received the Chancellor’s area 41 grant. He stated that the grant is for 2 years with about $25-$50 K funding. He also mentioned that the university received the Office of Naval research grant too.

Liz Patterson said that the yearlong self-study Foundations of Excellence with the John Gardner Institute partnership is coming to a close. She said once the 9 subcommittees submit their findings then a combined report will be prepared with recommendations.

Dr. Ballard said that the partnership with Region 8 for the Superintendents certification program is going well with 20 students enrolled. She said the 2 courses at TC have 100% retention rate. She has verbal agreements for the two EDAD positions. Dr. John Hamilton is retiring in May.

Dr. McHenry reported that two of our faculty recently helped the Executive Director of the Susan G Komen foundation prepare several reports. Graduate studies are writing a proposal for the Title III grant. We are now a Title III institution. The money is a way to enhance our ability to serve students. Final decision will be made in July or August 2015. The Texas Parks & Wildlife and the federal Department of Transportation worked out the funding to the trail grant.

Dr. Stripling reminded the group that we are about to finish the revisions to the Core Curriculum that will be effective for fall 2015.

Jana Boatright mentioned that any updates to the 15-16 catalogs are due today.

Teri Stover mentioned three April activities that the library will host: Roll out the Red Carpet for the Faculty authors, Edible books, and the starting of the open library book exchange.

Dr. Jordan reported that the new faculty mentoring has a program starting March 24th on how to use rubrics.

Next meeting May 8th, 2015