

Provost's Council
October 14, 2008
3:00 – 5:00 PM
MB 3.106 Regents' Room

AGENDA & MEETING NOTES

DISTANCE EDUCATION

BILL ANGROVE

Bill Angrove, Asst. Vice Provost for Distance Education, updated the Council on UTSA's Distance Education program. Currently, UTSA has 22 interactive classrooms. Depending on the course, UTSA could offer between 300 – 400 on-line courses each semester using distance education. Bill also has access to a survey that was conducted that states students actually perform well in an on-line setting and is willing to share that survey with the Deans if requested. According to the survey, the students enjoy being able to review the lecture and have access to the content 24/7. Professors have on-line office hours instead of face-to-face office which is appealing for both parties. Testing of exams is performed by proctors in a public computer lab setting. Bill sees the growth of Distance Education as a revenue generator and as a need for today's student.

Next steps: possibly form a task force of department chairs, faculty members already using this technology, room scheduler, and students. Possibly target upper division or graduate classes to gauge interest in project. Bill estimates that it would cost \$80,000 to outfit a room for technology to videotape classes that would become podcasts or streaming video. The Deans stated that they would be willing to discuss this project with their chairs and faculty and discuss at next Dean's Council. Bill stated he would forward his presentation to the provost to send to the Deans.

MARKETING UTSA

MICHAEL ZAHN

Michael Zahn was introduced to the Council. He is a recent hire in University Advancement and is the new Marketing Director. His role is to assist the University with the upcoming capital campaign and new marketing strategies. Also, he is to assist the entire university, but especially all of the colleges in ensuring that we are using one voice/brand when speaking/writing about UTSA. It is critical that the university uses the same logo, tag line, etc. with the community as we enter a capital campaign. He has offered his assistance to the university/colleges with strategic planning.

CAYUSE

ELIZABETH GARCIA

Elizabeth Garcia gave an overview of the CAYUSE software program which will be used for grant proposal submissions. The software allows for information to be uploaded, routed for approval and then submitted to Grants.gov.

RESEARCH UPDATE

BOB GRACY & JEFF KANTOR

Dr. Gracy announced to the Council that the National Institutes of Health could be cutting their budget by 10% which may affect grant money. He then mentioned that the MOU for the Cibolo Creek area in Boerne has been signed. Tours can be arranged through his office. The MOU will allow for research in the areas of ecology, geology and biology. Dr. Gracy mentioned that the Deans would be meeting with him on Thursday evening as a follow-up to their summer retreat to discuss research endeavors regarding health, energy, security, sustainability and socio-economy.

Dr. Kantor announced that Oct. 21st is Navy Day at UTSA. There will be several sessions and presentations that will cover collaborative opportunities available with the Navy. He encouraged everyone to attend the event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOHN FREDERICK

Dr. Frederick introduced Dr. Dennis Haynes, the Interim Dean of the College of Public Policy. Dr. Haynes replaces Dr. Jesse Zapata who stepped down as Dean of the College of Public Policy to focus on his duties as Vice Provost of the Downtown Campus. Dr. Frederick will begin conducting a search for a permanent dean. Lynda de la Viña, Dean of the College of Business will head up the search committee.

The Deans were asked about their interest in pursuing the USA Today readership program at UTSA. After some discussion, the Deans seemed more interested in the New York Times readership program. John said he would contact the representative to see about a trial subscription period and to gauge interest among faculty/students.

Dr. Frederick reminded the Council that Promotion and Tenure is going on at this time and that the boxes are due into Dr. David Johnson's office no later than October 31st.

Dr. Frederick finally presented the Council with a copy of the Blue Ribbon Committee's report on the Undergraduate Experience. He asked that the Council review the report and be ready to discuss at the next Dean's Council meeting.