

Provost Council
April 15, 2009
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
MB 3.106 Regents' Room

AGENDA & MEETING NOTES

DEAN'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW

JOHN FREDERICK

Dr. Frederick presented the Council with a proposal for a periodic review of Dean's performances. This review would be in addition to the normal six-year comprehensive review required by Regents' Rules. The new 3rd year review is being requested by the Faculty Senate.

The proposal would consist of an online confidential survey instrument where faculty, staff, peers, administrators, etc., would assess performance in areas of vision and planning, program management, personnel management, budget management, communication, public relations and fundraising, and professional activities. Each respondent would be asked to rate and comment the dean's performance using metrics ranging from strongly agree to strongly disagree. Finally, there would be a space for general suggestions and comments.

The Deans agreed with the proposal with the following modifications: 1) combine communication, public relations and fundraising into one category and add a teaching and research category for those deans who continue with that area of work.

CAYUSE

GEORGE PERRY

Dr. Perry asked the Council if CAYUSE software could be revised to route the grant proposals through the department chairs for approval. Currently, the system is bypassing the chairs. Jeff Kantor stated that the system can accommodate that change and he will see to it that it is incorporated.

HYBRID COURSES AT DT CAMPUS

JESSE ZAPATA AND
DOROTHY FLANNAGAN

Dr. Zapata and Dr. Flannagan spoke to the Council about the possibility of offering hybrid courses at the Downtown Campus. The courses would be concentrated at the graduate level and would be used to assist with alleviating current space constraints UTSA currently faces. The hybrid courses could resemble something like offering a face-to-face meeting on a bi-weekly basis or utilizing distance learning technology. This is in an ongoing project that will need more input from the colleges as to their needs and interest.

SACS UPDATE

SANDY WELCH

Dr. Welch presented an overview of the QEP publicity campaign that is currently being developed for UTSA. Dr. Steve Levitt, Chair of the Department of Communication is working with a group of students on branding/key message themes. He will also develop focus groups to assist with the publicity of the QEP. Part of our SACS reaccreditation is the importance of everyone's knowledge of the QEP from students to faculty to staff to our facilities staff. Anyone can be asked, "What is UTSA's QEP" and they need to be able to answer the question.

Also, we have been advised by the SACS office that they will be visiting our campus anywhere from March – April 2010.

BUDGET REQUESTS

BOB GRACY

Dr. Gracy reminded the Deans that he will need their budget requests soon as VPR prepares their 2009-2010 budget.