

Provost Council
Wednesday, April 25, 2012
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
MB 3.106 Regents Room

MEETING NOTES

21 Attendees present: Betty Merchant; Chris Ellison for Daniel Gelo; Daniel Hollas; Dorothy Flannagan; George Perry; Jeffrey Kantor; Jesse Zapata; John Frederick; Ken Pierce; Krisellen Maloney; Laura Murray; Lawrence Williams; Linda Lopez-George; Lisa Firmin; Mauli Agrawal; Rebecca Luther; Sandy Welch; Sonia Martinez; Lynn Bishop for Terry Wilson; Guest Speaker Steve Wilkerson; Kelly Kam-Watson

- I. PEER INSTITUTIONS (STEVE WILKERSON)
 - For benchmarking and goal setting
 - Statistical peers (40; we select 10): Baseline Comparison Group
 - Aspirant Institutions (need 10; have 9)
 - Data for dashboard
 - Action Item: Helpful to compare student FTE's

- II. FACULTY WORKLOAD/CREDENTIALS (SANDY WELCH)
 - Deans provided staff – thank you
 - Action Item: Recommend faculty print FAIR CV as a reference (moving platform of FAIR data)
 - Action Item: Announce course surveys students' weighted response rate 50% average for on-line
 - Action Item: Put 1300 email addresses on bcc line to prevent Reply All

- III. IT SUPPORT SERVICES (KEN PIERCE)
 - ITA's (Information Technology Assts) cooperation in implementing processes e.g. security, Insight % comparison
 - OIT Connect has data on response time
 - Centrally vs. locally provided IT implementation
 - Action Item: Ken Pierce convene a group to discuss

- IV. NTT TITLES/QUALIFICATIONS (JESSE ZAPATA)
 - Lecturer III –terminal degree or extensive experience
 - Lecturer or Lecturer II titles - NTT faculty
 - Senior Lecturer – grandfather 25% of non-terminal degree
 - “Distinguished” does not equate to an endowment
 - Full-time evaluated annually; 3-year contract Dean/Chair decide if renew contract, possibility promote (Process in HOP 2.50); Goal - Equity in promotion for NTT and TT

- V. HYBRID CLASS PAIRING (JOHN FREDERICK)
 - Classes increasing; classrooms not

- Need to pair hybrid classes together to use same classrooms
- Hybrid classes usually meet regularly first couple of weeks; then hybrid classes could meet at off-times (prime-time Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm)
- Action item: Dr. Frederick forward email with list of 50 hybrid classes
- Action item: Asked Deans to help pair hybrid classes

VI. RESEARCH UPDATE (JOHN FREDERICK)

- LARC per diem rates
 - Cost to care for animals
 - Users paying <30% of actual cost
 - Dr. Frederick had PI Forum who selected Option 1 of 3
- Undergraduate Research Director
 - Advisory Group proposed functions of Director
 - Current faculty researcher, part-time, stipend. Candidate: Tenure, full-time.
 - Perhaps process like Ricardo Romo endowed professorship in Honors College; did not include repr from all colleges
 - Action Item: Selection process? e.g. nominations, self-nominations, selection committee. Invitation to UG Advisory Group to nominate selection committee.
 - Action Item: Asked Deans to think about how they would utilize an UG Research Director
- Research Enhancement Report— update
 - 22 Dept Research Administrators (DRA's) VPR funded; 28 funded by colleges/depts
 - VPR offering training for RAA's
 - Could continue to have college-funded positions(report to RSC Dir), but extra layer of processing
 - Academy for Teacher Excellence (ATE) does pre & post; college does reconciliation
 - Action Item: Request Deans' input on Research Service Centers (RSC) Director
 - Action Item: Request Deans' input placing VPR pre and post awards
 - Action Item: Request Deans' input Research Award Administrators (RAA's)
 - Action Item: Include Deans and Assoc Deans in interview process

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS (JOHN FREDERICK)

- Visit new Faculty Instructional Teaching (FIT) Lab by VizWall in MS
- Senate Bill 1414 Camp for Minor Children; UT System pay for on-line training; law states for 5-day program. Affects Archeology Camp, Japanese Camp, PREP program, etc. Direct involvement with minors.