

**Provost's Council**  
**November 18, 2015**  
**3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Regents' Room, MB 3.106**

**AGENDA**

**SACSCOC UPDATE**

Dr. Welch stated that her office was close to compiling the 5<sup>th</sup> year interim report into one document. She provided a hand-out and asked that the deans share it with their associate deans and department chairs. The issues that need to be addressed are:

1. Written student complaints. Earlier this year, she provided a template that each office could use to document written student complaints. This is an issue that SACS will review to ensure that we are documenting the complaints.
2. Faculty credentialing. She stressed that each department needs to maintain up-to-date valid academic and/or alternate credentials. In addition, she stated that foreign credentials are acceptable as long as those that are not in English are sent to an outside agency for translation and verification. Dr. Welch mentioned that there are a few departments who have been translating the transcripts themselves and cautioned against that practice as it is not within the SACS regulations. She further stated that job offers can be made as long as the transcript is translated and verified before the actual hire date.

Kacey Neece-Fielder is working with the associate deans and other representatives to review all of the processes for assessment. Dr. Welch mentioned that at UTSA's reaccreditation in 2010, SACS stated that we needed to improve the academic and student support area. Although we have made progress in this area, Kacey will work with the associate deans to ensure it's kept up-to-date. She urged the deans to review all programs that are offered to students and assess their weaknesses so that you can improve the service.

**SUMMER ENROLLMENT**

Dr. Frederick discussed the summer school enrollment project:

Summer pay for faculty: new model for paying faculty. He would like to use the same model across all colleges, where faculty are paid at a certain level. He has been asked if the department/college nets a higher gain than anticipated could they share the extra income with faculty. Dr. Frederick stated that because of the way we pay employees, you cannot go back and add to their paycheck. However, he stated that he was in favor of providing faculty with additional travel monies out of the profits a college earns through summer enrollment.

Dr. Frederick has been asked if tenured faculty could teach in the summer. The answer is yes, they can and should teach summer courses. He understands that many tenured faculty use the summer months to conduct their research and he understands and encourages them to do so. However, if tenured faculty wish to teach a summer course, it would not be prohibited. He also stated that any teaching assistants who wish to teach a summer course will need to be registered as a student. He is looking into whether or not we could provide one free credit to them for teaching.

Another topic that has been discussed in the summer school tiger team committee meeting is whether or not to open up graduate courses to non-degree seeking students. Dr. Frederick would like the colleges to offer these courses. These students would not go through the normal graduate school admissions process. His hope is that these students will enroll in a class and have it lead to them deciding to pursue a graduate degree. At that time, the students would go through the normal graduate school admissions process.

Dr. Frederick stated that the admissions office is working on a fast-track application form for visiting, non-degree-seeking students and hopes to have that in place in time for summer registration.

One question that was asked that will need clarification from Legal Affairs as to do with the non-degree seeking student classification and whether or not these students are protected by FERPA and HIPPA. Also, there was a question as to whether or not these students would need to verify that they have received required vaccinations to be enrolled at UTSA. It was suggested that if these students are enrolled at another university, more than likely they have received the required vaccinations for their home university.

## **UT SYSTEM CHANCELLOR'S PRESENTATION**

Dr. Frederick handed out a copy of Chancellor McRaven's vision for UT System which was unveiled earlier this month. Chancellor McRaven stated that he would be focusing on several initiatives, including:

Creation of the American Leadership Program, which will make leadership and ethics training part of the core curriculum for all students at UT institutions. Dr. Frederick stated that since all institutions have set hours in each curriculum, he was unsure how this was going to be incorporated into the curriculum. He further stated that there will need to be discussions among the Provosts with the System leadership before any new curriculum is rolled out to students.

The other initiatives are:

- The Texas Prospect Initiative which focuses on literacy;
- Renewed investment in bringing world-class faculty to UT institutions;
- Enhancing fairness and opportunity for women and minorities in leadership positions at UT institutions;
- Expanding research into brain health; and
- Building UT Network for National Security

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Nominations - Academy of Distinguished Researchers**

**Laptop Encryption**

**Next Provost's Council Meeting:**

**Wed., Dec. 16th; 3:00 – 5:00  
Assembly Room, JPL 4.04.22**