

Provost's Council
April 20, 2016
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Assembly Room, JPL 4.04.22

AGENDA

EAB CAMPUS TOOL

Dr. Sandy Welch, Sr. Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness presented the Student Success Collaborative tool from the Education Advisory Board to the members of the Council. The interactive tool will be used for academic and career advising as well as student retention and graduation. Her team has been working with representatives from EAB to build our platform which will include student information and degree plan information. The end result will be a coordination of various student support services we currently offer, which will improve our advising efforts and student retention and graduation. Dr. Welch stated that the tool is very user-friendly and that the associate deans and advisors have already gone through some training. However, she needs the deans or associate deans to identify faculty to participate in a pilot program this fall in anticipation of everyone being on board in spring 2017.

SUMMER SCHOOL UPDATE

Rebecca Luther, Director of Communications, provided an update on the summer school project. She stated that as of Monday, April 18, 2016, over 10K students had enrolled in summer courses which equaled 65K semester credit hours. This is a 15% increase relative to this time last year. She felt confident that we would reach our goal of 70K SCH. She stated that new elevator posters would go up next Wednesday and that the marketing team is emailing students to encourage them to enroll in summer courses. She further stated that COLFA is seeing a large increase in the number of online courses being offered and enrolled in, which is very encouraging.

NTT SALARIES

Dr. Frederick stated that the topic of NTT Salaries came up recently in a meeting President Romo had with a group of faculty. There was concern that faculty salaries for non-tenure track have not increased over the years~ \$1K per SCH or \$3K per course. President Romo has asked the department chairs to provide him with data concerning NTT faculty salaries and that he may be able to provide additional resources to ensure that we are at least paying the faculty \$1K per SCH or \$3K per course. Dr. Frederick further stated that President Romo would like to provide more full-time NTT slots to the departments.

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Dr. Frederick mentioned that this topic came up at the recent meeting with representatives from UT System. Currently, we do not have a mechanism in place to provide tuition assistance to all of our graduate students. President Romo has requested Dr. Agbenyiga, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, to provide him with data on our current graduate students and their funding, so that he can begin setting asides institutional funds to cover tuition for our graduate students. He further stated that the focus may be on the doctoral students at first, but eventually would cover the master's students. Dr. Frederick also instructed the Deans to ensure that funding from research assistants should come from grants faculty receive and should be written into the grant if the agency allows for it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Provost Council will not meet on May 18th.

Commencement Schedule:

Honors College:	Fri., May 13th; 4:00 Convocation Center
CACP, COEHD & COS:	Sat., May 14th; 10:00 – noon Alamodome
COB, COPP & UC:	Sat., May 14th; 4:00 – 6:00 Alamodome
COE & COLFA:	Sun., May 15th; 2:00 – 4:00 Alamodome