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Academic Council Minutes

Gold Room – Bibb Graves Hall

July 15, 2009

Present:

Dr. Rebecca Turner, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
Dr. Joe Delap, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Frank King, Associate Vice President for Distance Education
Ms. Diane Price for Dr. Tim King, AVPEMSA
Dean Bill Carr, College of Graduate Studies & Continuing Education
Dean Bill Fielding, College of Commerce & Business Administration
Dean John-Bauer Graham, Library Services
Dean John Hammett, College of Education and Professional Studies
Dr. Phyllis Waits for Dean Sarah Latham, College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Ms. Lisa Williams for Dean Earl Wade, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Louise Clark, Assoc. Dean, College of Commerce & Business Administration
Ms. Kelly Osterbind, Registrar
Ms. Patty Hobbs, Director, Public Relations
Dr. Jay Ketterer, Director, International House and Programs
Mr. Don Killingsworth, Director of Government Relations
Dr. Alicia Simmons, Director, Institutional Research and Assessment
Mr. Greg Bonds, Assistant Director, Athletics, Compliance
Dr. Dan Krejci, Faculty Senate President
Mr. Bryant Whaley, SGA President

Absent:

Mr. Vinson Houston, Acting Vice President for Information Technology
Mr. Joe Whitmore, Director, Institutional Support Services

Old Business:

1. Minutes of the July 1, 2009 meeting were approved as submitted.
2. Drs. Turner and Fielding provided recommendations for proposed summer terms. Dr. Fielding stated that he could not offer everything needed in his college without having 6- and 8-week classes that do not overlap. Ms. Williams expressed a similar need. Dr. Simmons provided headcounts for the terms in question. Two six-week sequential terms were added back to the list of summer terms proposed. A revised document is forthcoming.

3. Dr. Krejci inquired into progress made concerning the availability of summer book vouchers. A report from Business Affairs will be made available on this in a future meeting.

New Business

1. Dr. Krejci announced that there were no Faculty Senate issues to report.
2. Mr. Whaley reported that welcome week plans are under way. Facebook and YouTube promotions are planned, as well as Chanticleer and 92J initiatives. Orientation is still ongoing. Students are inquiring about summer book vouchers. SGA is also inquiring about the requirement that freshmen live on campus and progress on the cafeteria (and availability for fall). Mason and Sparkman renovations projects are also of concern. Dr. Turner provided updates on all of those issues. She also announced that open houses for the renovated spaces were planned. The Library lobby is also undergoing coffee-shop construction. A new Faculty Senate mace is also housed in the Library. The question of the likelihood of additional fees to fund activities was posed. Dr. Turner recommended that SGA approach Dr. Meehan on the subject.
3. Dr. Simmons presented Summer II enrollment numbers. Headcount and credit hours are up slightly over last year's. Dr. Turner expressed appreciation for efforts to increase these numbers. Nursing will run a continuous program through the summer next year. The STEP program continues to show strong growth.
4. There was no further new business.

Announcements

Dr. Frank King reported on a July 13 temporary Blackboard outage.

Mr. Graham announced the hosting of a Chinese Librarian Association delegation.

Dr. Simmons reminded everyone that PRISM reports are due September 15.

Dr. Ketterer announced that a group of Taizhou administrators would be visiting campus July 24 and not July 27, as incorrectly listed on the agenda. The visit will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. More information will follow from Ms. Williams.

Ms. Osterbind announced that the preferred deadline for spring 2010 course listings is in September. She also noted that a message will be coming out about not voiding students for nonpayment in August.

Dr. Turner commented on the recent BOT meeting. The residency requirement is not to be hardship on students, so flexibility in enforcement is needed. Facility upgrades and additions are under way. The JSU Foundation continues to show interest in assisting with facilities needs. Also, the ELI student presence needs to be pointed out to Chinese visitors. Recently, copies of Randy Owens' book were provided to Chinese teachers.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Delap, AVPAA