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Academic Council Minutes

Gold Room – Bibb Graves Hall

April 7, 2010

Present:

Dr. Rebecca Turner, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
Mr. Vinson Houston, Acting Vice President for Information Technology
Dr. Joe Delap, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Frank King, Associate Vice President for Distance Education
Dr. Tim King, AVPEMSA
Dean Bill Carr, College of Graduate Studies & Continuing Educ.
Dean Bill Fielding, College of Commerce & Business Administration
Dean John-Bauer Graham, Library Services
Mr. Terry Marbut for Dean John Hammett, College of Educ. and Professional Studies
Dean Sarah Latham, College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Dean Earl Wade, College of Arts and Sciences
Ms. Kelly Osterbind, Registrar
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:

Dr. Louise Clark, Assoc. Dean, College of Commerce & Business Administration
Ms. Patty Hobbs, Director, Public Relations
Mr. Don Killingsworth, Director of Government Relations
Mr. Joe Whitmore, Director, Institutional Support Services

Guests:

Ms. Karen Davis, Director of Human Resources
Ms. Judy Harrison, Assistant Director of Human Resources

Old Business:

1. Minutes of the January 20, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.
2. Dr. Simmons presented a recommendation from the Institutional Effectiveness Committee to eliminate the undergraduate change of major form. The graduate form will continue to be used (available online). The recommendation was approved unanimously.

3. Dr. Turner revisited a memo concerning the category of Distinguished Affiliate Professor, earlier approved and sent to Administrative Council. The proposal was returned unapproved by Dr. Meehan, because no such faculty rank exists in the Faculty Handbook. Dr. Wade will follow up and revise the Faculty Handbook to reflect the new category.

New Business

1. Guests Karen Davis and Judy Harrison provided a presentation on JSU's Affirmative Action Plan and Department of Labor audit. Six-month report information was included. (Handouts were provided.)
2. Dr. Simmons reported on the SACS/COC Fifth-Year Interim Report that is due on June 1. Drafts of the report's sections are due to the OIRA by the end of April. CV's from Academic Council members are also requested to be sent to the OIRA electronically by the end of April.
3. Dr. Krejci provided a Faculty Senate update, with no news to report other than his thanks for the collegiality enjoyed on Academic Council during his tenure as Faculty Senate President.
4. Mr. Whaley provided an SGA update, reporting that this is to be his last Academic Council meeting as SGA President. Mr. Tim Long will take over the position. JSU plays UA in baseball. Student Life is sponsoring "A Day without Shoes" to raise awareness and money for those in need. The spring football game is Saturday. A virtual reality program will be presented next Wednesday. He also called attention to the Census Rally to be held on the Quad. The new SGA executive team will be presented to the Board of Trustees at Monday's meeting.
5. Dr. Delap presented appeals for early reinstatement from two students on dismissed status who were granted early reinstatement the previous semester. The appeals were denied unanimously, with the further stipulation that the students wait out the full one-year period before returning to classes in Spring semester of 2011. The student is to be advised to consult with Mr. Andy Green, Director, Academic Advisement, upon his return (after waiting one calendar year).
6. Dr. Turner called attention to the fact that program reviews mean reallocating resources, which is important in the current economic climate.

Announcements

Dr. Carr announced that AMSTI is hosting the statewide meeting for all sites at JSU-McClellan. He noted funding reductions and their consequences for AMSTI.

Dr. Krejci announced that there would be a Faculty Senate meeting on April 12 at 3:15 p.m.

Dr. Latham welcomed the formation of Boards of Visitors in the colleges to help raise funds and reported on a roast for Dr. Canup as an example of such fund raising opportunities.

Dr. Simmons provided an update on the Beyond Boundaries Online Orientation program, noting that video introductions by deans of the colleges will be included.

Dr. Tim King announced that a search is underway for Director of Enrollment Management.

Mr. Marbut asked how to handle administration of the IDEA survey during summer parts of term. Dr. Simmons answered that IDEA would be administered only during one summer part of term.

Dr. Delap expressed thanks to everyone for making Preview Day a success.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Delap, AVPAA