

Minutes
Administrative Council - College of Education and Behavioral Sciences
Thursday, February 15, 2007 – 9:30 a.m.
Dean's Conference Room, Tate Page Hall

Present: Evans, Poe, Daniel, Fiene, Goglia (for Powell), Haggbloom, Hughey, Metze, Powers.

Dr. Hahn was chosen as the TopScholar representative for the College.

Dr. Evans will submit the names recommended to serve on the College Library Advisory Committee.

Mark Graves was nominated for the Part-time Faculty Teaching Award; his name will be submitted.

Discussion was held regarding the University College. It is possible it will include the programs of interdisciplinary studies, leadership studies, women's studies, honors, international studies, Academy for Math/Science, freshmen experience, administrative dynamics, Alive Center, the new Ed.D., and University Experience. Concern was expressed relative to staffing. The proposal will go before the Board of Regents at the April meeting.

The University budget was discussed at length.

Dr. Evans indicated that the new University scheduling system will occur, and Tony Kirchner and Sharon Hartz are representing the College on the University committee. Department heads were encouraged to be very specific when requesting classrooms/needs, particularly for technology, to ensure that faculty are placed in appropriate classrooms.

The issue of salaries was discussed; some concerns were expressed relative to salary compression.

Brief discussion was held on critical thinking, and concerns were voiced regarding faculty being required to use one particular model.

The +/- grading system proposal will be brought before the Senate this afternoon.

HB 392 was discussed; it could have a major impact on the College. Funding is also a concern.

The timeline for the faculty awards process was discussed. Ms. Bryant will forward that information to department heads.

The faculty development worksheet was distributed and discussed. Dr. Metze noted that the College's new MIS system will include all the information. Comments will be forwarded to Dr. Kuhlenschmidt.

Department heads were asked to encourage PIs to submit mid and final grant reports in a timely manner. Dr. Evans announced that Dr. Sadiq Shah is now responsible for grants.

Institutional Research documents on enrollment were distributed and discussed. We will be held accountable for enrollment, and departments need to have a plan in place and identify goals and strategies to achieve those goals.

The Provost has requested a meeting with the CEBS Administrative Council to discuss graduate programs, particularly regarding admissions issues. Dr. Bowker will accompany her. Dr. Evans will meet first with her and asked department heads to provide him with feedback relative to any issues. He also cautioned them to be certain they have appropriate evidence when making admission decisions.

Parking was discussed as far as available spots for students who have night or weekend classes. It has become a major problem because lots are opened at 4:30, and the spots are taken by on-campus students. Council members agreed that this issue has a serious impact on enrollment and recruitment, as parking is seen in such a negative light by prospective graduate students.

The Law Conference is scheduled for March 13.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Cathie Bryant, Secretary