

Prairie View A&M University
Prairie View, Texas 77446

UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, April 18, 2013
John B. Coleman Library, Room 508
3:00 pm

Those Present

Dr. Angela Branch-Vital
Dr. Joe Dickson
Dr. Jennifer Erdely
Dr. Thomas-Smith
Dr. Terence Hicks
Dr. Felecia Nave
Dr. Emmanuel Opara
Dr. Annette James
Dr. Judith Hansen
Dr. Cheryle Snead-Greene
Ms. Traci Chernosky
Mr. Peter Wood
Dr. Clarissa G. Booker
Dr. Kendall T. Harris

Those Absent

Dr. James A. Wilson, Jr - G
Dr. Abida Solomaon - A
Dr. Michael L. McFrazier - G
Mr. Jonathan Miller - A
Dr. Kay Norman - A
Dr. Elizabeth Brumfield - A
Ms. Deborah Dungey - EA
Ms. Mahalla Smith - A
Dr. Shield Lin - EA
Mr. Don Byars
Mrs. Lettie Raab - EA

The University Academic Council (UAC) was convened at approximately 3:16 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2013, with Dr. Felecia M. Nave, Associate Provost & Associate VP for Academic Affairs, presiding. The location of this meeting was in the John B. Coleman Library, Room 508. Dr. Nave welcomed those old and new members and guest that were present and officially called the meeting to order.

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED

I. Task Force Updates

Task Force 1 Update – Department of Division of Social Work Behavioral and Political Science and Languages and Communications Course Inventory Updates, Dr. Cheryle Snead-Greene, chair Course Inventory Updates for the College of Engineering, Dr. Judith Hansen, chair

Dr. Snead-Greene reported that the task force would be meeting with Dr. James Palmer on Friday, April 19, 2013 for some minor changes to the course inventory forms and would be ready to report to the UAC members at the next meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2013.

Task Force 2 Update – Department of Music and Theater Course Inventory Updates, Dr. Annette James, chair

Dr. James reported that the task force would be ready to present at the next UAC meeting on Thursday, May 02, 2013.

Task Force 3 Update – School of Architecture Course Inventory Updates, Dr. Shield Lin, chair

Dr. Lin reported that the task force would be ready to present at the next UAC meeting on Thursday, May 02, 2013.

Task Force 5 Update – Procedures and Template for Degree Program Request Form, Dr. Emmanuel Opara, chair

Dr. Emmanuel Opara presented the UAC members a flow chart of the Process for a New Degree Program. Dr. Opara presented a check list for developing a New Degree Program. The UAC members review and commented on the task forces flow chart and check list.

Dr. Nave has asked that all UAC members please review and you should be ready to vote at the next UAC meeting on Thursday, May 02, 2013.

Dr. Nave opened a discussion up regarding program review. PVAMU does not have a table implemented as to when a courses need to be reviewed. The Provost's office is currently doing a program review. Programs that are being review are those that have been lost and low producing programs.

II. New Business

The topic of should a non tenured faculty person be able to vote at the college level committees on matters that effect a tenured faculty person had been brought up prior to Dr. Thomas-Smith arrival and Dr. Nave wanted to get her input on the topic.

Dr. Thomas-Smith stated that from a SACS standpoint you are responsible for the whole program. Everyone is accountable for the student learning outcomes. Whoever is responsible to deliver content they should be held accountable and should be allowed to have input.

Dr. Nave opened a discussion up regarding redefining a credit hour.

III. Old Business

Dr. Nave asked the members of the UAC that were present to please review the Core Curriculum Committees proposed recommendation from the last UAC meeting on April 11, 2013. The table was opened for discussion. The recommendations that the UAC members did agree with were #'s 1,5,6,7&8, and 9. Dr. Nave stated that she would take this information back to the Core Curriculum Committee.

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

Submitted by:

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