

Prairie View A&M University
Prairie View, Texas 77446

UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

September 6, 2012
John B. Coleman Library, Room 508
3:00 pm

Those Present

Dr. Kay Norman
Ms. Deborah Dungey
Dr. Clarissa G. Booker
Dr. Shield Lin
Dr. Abida Solomon
Ms. Mahalla Smith
Mr. Peter Wood
Dr. Annette James
Dr. Emmanuel Opara
Ms. Traci Chernosky
Dr. Felecia Nave
Dr. Elizabeth Brumfield
Mr. Don Byars
Mrs. Lettie Raab
Dr. Cheryle Snead-Greene
Dr. Jennifer Erdely
Jonathan Miller
Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith - G
Dr. Joe Dixon

Those Absent

Dr. Lucian Yates, III – EA
Dr. Kendall T. Harris
Dr. Judith Hansen - EA
Dr. James A. Wilson, Jr - G
Dr. Angela Branch-Vital - A
Dr. Michael L. McFrazier - G

The University Academic Council (UAC) was convened at approximately 3:14 p.m. on Thursday, September 6, 2012, 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. Introduction (New and Old Members)

Dr. Nave welcomed new and old UAC members back. Dr. Nave asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. University Academic Council Charge

Dr. Nave went over the Academic Councils Charge. Please see the list below of some things that the UAC will be looking at this FY2013.

- 5th Year Interim Report for SACS
- State and System Revision of the Core Curriculum
- System Looking at Putting Together a Common Set of Metrics
- Student Learning Outcomes
- Low Producing Programs

III. FY12 Actions

Dr. Nave went over the summary list of UAC actions for FY11-FY12. Dr. Nave has asked that all UAC members to please go back to your areas and get together with your faculty to propose some new programs. The programs must be sustainable.

Dr. Thomas-Smith the Provost and Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs joined the meeting. Dr. Thomas-Smith brought up some changes in the SACS criteria that went into effect in December 2011. We must have; (1) A written procedure to protecting the privacy of students enrolled in discipline education; (2) A written procedure for notifying students of extra charges associated with the verification of student identity; (3) Student authentication insuring that a student who registers in distance education is the student who participates and is the student who receives the credit. Dr. Thomas-Smith will get a copy of the letter from SACS addressing the criteria changes to each UAC member.

Dr. Thomas-Smith discussed implementing some new degree programs.

Dr. Thomas-Smith announced the Chancellor's Research Initiative (CRI) will provide one-time funds to Texas A&M University and Prairie View A&M University in the amount of 100 million dollars. The CRI funds will be used in the recruitment and hiring of faculty members who will have a transformative impact upon the academic and research missions of the University. The CRI will provide \$33 million each year for FY2013 and FY2014 and \$34 million for FY2015 to attract exceptional faculty members.

Dr. Thomas-Smith stated that she hoped that we are talking about assessment. Did you close the loop?

Dr. Michael McFrazier wanted to mention the THECB has requested a program review scheduled for the graduate program. Members of both the UAC and Graduate Council will be pulled to work on this review.

IV. Task Force Assignments

- Task Force 4 – School of Architecture, course inventory (ARTS 2193)

V. New Business

Mahalia Smith the SGA Legislative Branch Academic Affairs, Chair stated that she proposed to the senate to implement student advising at their last meeting. This topic was opened up for discussion. Dr. Nave stated that early registration would help this issue tremendously. Dr. Nave stated this would be a good opportunity for the students and faculty to partner together to help eliminate the some of the issues that our students are having.

Dr. Thomas-Smith announced that a list of 900 students who are registered but remain in unpaid status. Students who have a outstanding balance of \$300 dollars or less will not be dropped.

Dr. Nave announced the purchase of Leap Frog. During the FY2013 Leap Frog will be integrated and by Fall 2013 Leap Frog will be fully implemented. An Undergraduate Catalog will be coming out on Monday, September 17, 2012.

Dr. Nave announced that Academic Affairs will be unveiling a new web page.

Dr. Nave announced that the University purchased the financial literacy101 model so that we are compliance with the new senate bill.

Dr. Nave announced NBC Learn made a presentation to the University of being able to have 14,000 documentaries available to the faculty, staff and students. They will be visiting the university again, so you might want to attend the presentation to see what it is all about. If the university buys the program we will be able to gift it to two area schools.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 4:54 p.m.

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