

Academic Council Meeting
June 10, 2015
2:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room A

Present: Dr. Jimmie Yeiser, Dr. Ranelle Eubanks, Dr. Rick Clubb, Mr. Mark Spencer, Dr. Peggy Doss, Dr. Laura Evans, Dr. Kelly Bryant, Mr. Brian Hairston, Dr. Morris Bramlett, Ms. Carol Dolberry, Ms. Mary Whiting, and Ms. Rita Hyatt.

The minutes of the May 28, 2015 meeting were approved with a minor change.

The Council discussed retention and recruitment ideas.

Dr. Yeiser discussed the merit pay increase for the faculty. He stated that 90% of faculty received a merit increase in salary. Dr. Clubb stated that faculty were excited about the merit increase. How will faculty be notified of their merit increase? Dr. Yeiser stated the Office of Provost will prepare a letter with the faculty's new salary and deliver it to the appropriate unit. The letter will not be mailed by his office. Mr. Spencer asked if the faculty could have some input on how future merit raises might be handled.

Dr. Yeiser stated he received no comments on the Horizons Document. The Council decided the campus would not use the Horizons program.

The Council continued their discussion of remedial courses "credit" or "no credit". Dr. Yeiser said "we lose 50% of incoming freshman in one semester and many students have multiple D's in a term." Ms. Dolberry stated that we calculate grades of D's in our SSCH. It was stated that a block schedule should improve retention for students.

Dr. Yeiser asked if the Council was interested in offering a Winter Intersession. Several Deans said they had no faculty that would teach a term over Christmas break.

Dr. Yeiser discussed pre-registration dates for incoming freshman and transfer students on June 15, 16, & 17 and July 13 & 14. Students may self-register for Summer II on June 25-26. Open registration is July 1-2 with July 1 being the first day of class. Students who have preregistered for Fall 2015 can make schedule changes on August 10 and 17. Open registration for the Fall term is August 18; August 19 is the first day of class.

Dr. Yeiser reminded the Council of the August 1 deadline for the following reports. All reports should be submitted electronically and a hard copy to Academic Affairs.

1. Annual Report
2. Assessment Report
3. Outside Employment Report
4. Retention Plan
5. Viability Report

6. Faculty Development Expenditure Report

Dr. Yeiser stated that all faculty are to report to work on August 10, 2015.

Dr. Yeiser reminded the Council of the following items:

FY 2015 Year End Deadlines

Ms. Dolberry stated she would provide data for annual reports to deans by July 1.

The next Academic Council meeting will be Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Library conference Room A.

The meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.