

Academic Council Meeting
September 23, 2015
2:00 p.m.
Sandra Campbell Conference Room

Present: Dr. Jimmie Yeiser, Dr. Rick Clubb, Mr. Mark Spencer, Dr. Lou James, Dr. Peggy Doss, Dr. Phil Tappe, Ms. Lynn Valetutti, Dr. Laura Evans, Dr. Bob Stark, Ms. Lori Selby, Dr. Morris Bramlett, Mr. Bob Ware, Ms. Carol Dolberry, Ms. Mary Whiting, and Ms. Rita Hyatt.

The minutes of the September 9, 2015 meeting were approved.

The Council discussed retention and recruitment ideas.

- Dr. Morris Bramlett meets with chemistry teachers in surrounding high schools and gives out School of Math and Natural Sciences Points of Pride.
- Mr. Mark Spencer stated that the Honors English students are doing well and are more engaged in learning than in previous years when all Comp students were combined. The Fundamentals of English classes are doing well to students having similar needs.
- Some faculty are notifying Academic Alert of students who are in trouble by the second week before the situations get out of hand.
- Ms. Dolberry asked that substitution forms be completed promptly. Please ask faculty to submit forms as soon as they know the substitution will be needed.

Dr. Yeiser reminded the Council that October 28 is the last day to drop a regular course with the grade of "W."

The Council continued the discussion on the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA), which is a policy on distance education courses. Dr. Yeiser asked if the Council discussed the list of questions with their faculty. The Council will continue this discussion at a later date.

Dr. Yeiser reminded the Council of the Annual Evaluation timetable and asked each member to notify his/her faculty of the deadlines.

Dr. Yeiser provided the Council with a copy of the Promotion and Tenure schedule.

Dr. Yeiser stated that faculty requests for early retirement are due in the Provost's office by November 1.

Dr. Yeiser asked the Council for feedback on 1st Four Weeks and 1st Year Experience. There will be another campus wide meeting on the 1st Four Weeks projects scheduled for October 8 in the MCB auditorium at 12:30 p.m. Dr. Yeiser is planning a meeting of 1st Year Experience soon.

The next Academic Council meeting will be Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sandra Campbell Conference Room inside the Taylor Library.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.