

Deans Council Notes  
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Melissa Gomez came to recruit instructors for APSU 1000 for Fall 2006. They expect the need to have 75 sections next fall. A peer mentor will be assigned to each section who will be scheduled for 2 hours/week. If instructors have peer mentors they would like to work with, that can be arranged. The ideal plan would be to have more discipline specific sections created next Fall. Based on the number of students from this year who have declared a focus, Melissa provided a list of what disciplines would have a good case to have discipline specific APSU 1000 – Art, Music, Communication arts, Business, Nursing, Political science, Psychology, Biology, Chemistry, Computer science and Agriculture.

Makeba Webb spoke about an upcoming event for multicultural recruitment: MOSAIC – Multicultural Outstanding Scholars Advancing Into College. This will occur on Saturday, April 29, 2006 from 9 AM to 3:30 PM. Makeba asked the Deans to get faculty representation from all departments for this event. She stated that further information will be sent to the deans and chairs.

Gaines Hunt reported on Teaching Load Credit policy 5:015 that he and an ad hoc committee had been tasked to review. The hot issues the committee worked on were clinicals and music. The committee also suggested a special taskforce be appointed to classify the different models for Study Abroad. (Will attempt to post electronic version of report as soon as possible)

Harriet McQueen asked if there would be interest and support to host a viewing of an Academic Advising Web Conference, Friday April 10, 12 PM to 2 PM. She would like to get at least one member of each department to attend this conference so there can be at least one person knowledgeable on the information in each department.

Diane McDonald presented two updated policies for Dean's council approval before moving up to the President – Policy 5:061 Academic Promotion. One change would have the Provost be notified in writing of the voting results of all non-recommendations made at the department and college levels. The other change deals with exceptions to minimum rank qualifications. The change is to make clearer when an exception can go forward – “once the faculty member has received recommendations by the departmental and college promotion committees and Provost that clearly state the recommendation is by exception as part of the regular evaluation process...”

The other policy was Policy 5:016 Clearance Procedures for Academic Personnel. All electronic records and files related to University business, University Owned art work must be turned over before faculty can be cleared. Additionally, a check-off box was added that Information Technology has been notified to deactivate the university email account. It was suggested that the email check-off box be tweaked to state that retiring faculty will need to request email access be reinstated once they retire if the faculty wants to keep email access on campus.

Stan Groppe announced that online courses are being scrutinized more closely and it appears that campus online courses seem to be headed toward being absorbed by RODP control. New online courses may become more difficult to be approved by TBR in light of this RODP potential takeover.