

Dean's Council Notes
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Ed Davis from Grants and Sponsored Programs provided an introduction to the work his department is doing in regards to the grants process. His department is at the point where they can start distributing information about grants to the various departments on campus. He stated that Grants and Sponsored Programs needs to interface with the faculty to be successful. APSU has joined the Grants Resource Network in Washington, DC so APSU will be getting information about grant possibilities quicker. Ed asked the Deans how information for grants should be funneled to the faculty. The general consensus of the Deans was to send the specific subject grant information to the various department chairs and carbon copy the Dean's, the Dean's secretary and the department chairs secretary. Ed also stated that a consolidated list of grant opportunities will be published monthly. Ed asked what information should go to whom? The Dean's suggested that there should be expectations that faculty will let Grants and Sponsored Programs know about their specific research focus so if specific grants become available, the specific faculty can be alerted.

Deborah Fetch brought forward a proposal to restructure the materials budget of the library to spend more money on databases and to spend less on print periodicals. She provided a graphic on the steep decrease in the shelving statistics of the library print periodicals from 2000 to 2004 showing print publications are not being used and the steep increase in documents being viewed on the library databases. Her recommendation for 2006 is to eliminate duplication between print and electronic titles. A motion was passed by the Deans to support the cancellation of any print periodical that the library gets full-text on a database. Deborah Fetch also suggested that for FY 2007 a process to eliminate seldom used titles be implemented. The library has recently gotten one-time money and has added about 20 new databases. The library will need funds in future years to cover the cost of these databases. Finally, a new interlibrary loan process is being implemented this summer that will provide desktop delivery of articles for research needs.

Deborah Fetch also that department chairs allow librarians time in the various department meetings to discuss and share information about the library and databases so everyone will be aware of what the library has research wise.

Dr. Speck also mentioned Dr. Hoppe's email about the organizational changes in the administration.

Gerald Beavers said the new Education Service Officer for Ft. Campbell looks promising in regards to supporting APSU's programs on the base.

Harriett McQueen (who will now be Dean of Enrollment Management and Academic Support) stated that there still are 13 instructors needed for APSU 1000 for Fall 2005.

Dr. Pinder announced that the inaugural class of the Master of Science in Management will have a graduation ceremony on July 30th at 10 AM in the UC's ballroom. This is a one-time event for this special class.

Dr. Hunt asked for verification on the teaching load for full-time temporary faculty is set at 15 hours. Dr. Speck was going to verify that amount and the thought process for this TLC.