

Dean's Council Notes
March 9, 2005

Sheila Bryant and Al Irby talked about the problem of students not validating their registration (if students DO NOT pay their fees or have their credited statement (Financial Aid /Scholarship) stamped or validated/confirmed, through AP Web, even if they have a zero (0) or credit balance by the end of Fee Payment activity, their classes/registration will be cancelled). Apparently the University will be getting a "finding" because of this problem. There was discussion of requiring a 5 day cut-off instead of the 14 day cut-off for faculty to verify their attendance list. Faculty will need to take attendance to verify that only students on the rolls are attending the class; this way students who have zero balances or credit balances but did not validate are caught before too much time has passed.

The status of the Institutional Absence proposal was discussed. The joint Dean's and Department chair meeting of January 21st had this proposal passed out and department chairs were asked to respond back to Thomas Buttery with comments. Few comments were received (if any) and this proposal will now go to the President's Council for approval (<http://www.apsu.edu/senatef/Documents/UEA.pdf>) .

The question of possible payment of developing hybrid courses was discussed. Thomas Buttery asked why faculty was being paid to develop online courses when new faculty is asked to come to campus and develop courses for the classroom and they do not receive extra compensation. Another point he made was when an online course is created by one faculty member and another faculty member is asked to teach the course a few semesters later, the second faculty member has to do a lot of changes to this course and they do not receive extra pay. An idea was put forth to perhaps pay online course developers \$500 for developing the course and that faculty member had to teach it for 5 semesters to get the current development fee of \$2500. Another idea was to put into new faculty contracts that say they may need to teach online courses thereby making it a contractual obligation. There was much discussion and no decision was made.

Houston Davis brought forward changes to policy 5:060. See documents for review.

Prospective program list from the various departments were due. What came forward was creating a Tech Writing focus and Leadership as a major.

TBR is looking for candidates for the Regents Academic Leadership Institute. Unfortunately, the timing to apply makes it very difficult for candidates from APSU for applying. Names are to be given by March 16th. The deans were directed to contact department chairs/directors (the only qualified group on the campus) to see if they would be willing to attend this inaugural class. TBR would pay for it completely; attendance would be during Summer I term (further limiting possible candidates).

Gaines Hunt reported that on the cut-off date of March 1st, he put in a proposal to reorganize the Biology department to create the department of Allied Health which would

be made up of the Med Tech, Rad Tech and Radiology programs. Another reorganization proposal was put forward by Gerald Beavers dealing with Professional studies and Jim Diehr proposal dealing with the department of Communication and Theatre would be reorganized into department of Theatre and Dance. These proposals will be posted on the Academic Affairs webpage.