

Dean's Council Notes
March 8 2006

Diane McDonald reported back about the International Baccalaureate Program. She asked that a committee be formed to determine what APSU courses might be met by successful completion of the IB class and passing the comprehensive exam. The committee formed is made up of Jim Diehr, Gaines Hunt, Harriett McQueen, Susan Calovini, Diane McDonald and Don Dailey (Don because he is working with Clarksville High already to help set up this program locally). The committee will try to work out course equivalences and set up for acceptance of this program by the end of the year (a goal that might not be possible to meet).

Stan Groppe presented a copy of the E-Faculty Mentoring Guidelines. The Deans made some suggested changes to this document to make it compatible for Ft Campbell Center. The document is essentially a modified version of the current Mentoring of New Faculty guidelines already in place.

Concerning inputting new courses into the Bulletin. To clear up some misconceptions, each department chair will be responsible to make sure all courses are listed in the bulletin; it will be the chair's responsibility to add any new courses in the drafts they receive from the registrar if they are not already listed. Any questions should be referred to Susan Corbin.

Harriett McQueen announced a program called "Grad Finale" which will be occurring on March 15th from 10 AM to 2 PM and March 16th from 2 PM to 6 PM. This will be an opportunity for graduating seniors to make sure everything is ready for their graduation – cap and gowns ordered, invitations ordered, courses meet requirements, etc.

Dr Speck clarified a recent memo he sent out concerning Enrollment minimums. The memo applies JUST to the APSU Center at Fort Campbell. The Deans suggested some clarification be added to the memo and it be resent to the faculty.

Potential hot issue alert....

The next phase on standardization of tenure requirements across schools/departments is apparently starting. What kind of a PUBLICATION requirement should there be to get tenure? A certain number of papers? A certain number of articles? A certain number of books? What does it mean to be "referred?" What is "peer-reviewed?" These questions were put to the Deans to explore with their departments.

End of alert...

Dr Diehr pointed out a problem in policy 5:029 (Department Chairs/Directors Policy) compared to policy 5:060 (Academic Tenure) concerning non-teaching assignment. Apparently in 5:029, the chairs/directors are evaluated and if a tenure track faculty member is a department chair, senior faculty who had their "toes stepped on" by the chair can get their revenge because of their ability to use the non-teaching section of 5:060 to make life miserable/deny tenure.

