

Deans Council Notes on Wednesday 2-September-2009

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Smooth beginning to Fall semester.

There are close to 10,000 students.

Timing of Deans Council meetings.

The Deans Council will move to the Wednesday before the 4th Thursday of each month – this will mean that it occurs before the day before the Faculty Senate meeting. The Deans Council will meet in the morning on those Wednesdays, and the Academic Council will meet in the afternoon on those Wednesdays. The academic deans will meet as a group at other times between Deans Council meetings.

Academic alert.

There was a presentation to bring attention to the academic alert system. Faculty should be encouraged to use Academic Alert. Approximately 36% of 1000 and 2000 level instructors use the Academic Alert. David Denton, Sheryl Bird, and Dixie Webb formed a committee to look at Academic Alert applications.

RODP (Regents Online Degree Program).

Any time there is a special area such as RODP asking a faculty member to teach outside of the faculty member's normal teaching assignment that needs to go by the head of the Austin Peay academic unit. This especially has an impact on teaching overloads.

As a related comment, the Provost said that there needs to be a discussion/review of course loads for faculty. There needs to be a balance of competing interests in developing teaching loads. At a future point there will be a discussion of how RODP works with regard to APSU faculty resources.

Online programs, instruction, and oversight.

There are issues with getting Board of Regents approvals for online versions of programs. Current opportunities and/or possibilities include a collaborative effort with the University of Memphis, a BBA degree with a concentration in General Business, and Public Management. As a university, it is our job to decide how our programs work and that includes delivery method. Austin Peay should treat issues like this in terms of programs, not individual classes.

Department Chairs and Deans will soon have access to all online courses under them.

TCX – Temporary clearance to enroll.

The TCX (temporary clearance to enroll) is granted usually when not all documentation such as transcripts is "at the ready." A student who is cleared has no evidence that they have any deficiencies so they must have Compass scores. If a student is remedial, they should not be in enhanced sections of

courses – they should be in remedial courses. For instance, a student with a 10 ACT should not be in an ENG 1010-Enhanced section.

10% of a freshman class can be admitted by exception; however, Austin Peay has never admitted that large a percentage.

It was recommended that the Admissions Committee specifically include a faculty member who teaches e-sections in either Math or English or both.

H1N1 flu.

The H1N1 committee has now met twice.

The following is various information about H1N1 preparations at Austin Peay:

- Residence Halls are at 98% capacity. This means that the remaining 2% of rooms can be used to temporarily house roommates of residential students who have H1N1. Residential students who are sick with H1N1 can have food delivered to their rooms.
 - Residential students who become sick will be urged to go home to recuperate.
 - Each university employee is supposed to get some form of personal sanitation materials.
 - The university will begin installing dispensers of hand sanitizers next week.
 - The Provost is sending an email asking faculty to discuss H1N1 preparations and procedures in the first session of every class.
 - At the time of the meeting there were only two suspected cases of H1N1 in the Austin Peay community.
 - Everyone in the Austin Peay community should refer to the worsening symptoms list.
 - All freshmen have received a bottle of hand sanitizer, and sanitizers are being put in various locations around campus.
 - Human Resources is working on a policy regarding staff absences and how low sick leave balances will be addressed.
 - Faculty can direct a student appearing ill to go home. Administrators can direct faculty and staff to go home as well.
 - Human Resources has no policy at present about telecommuting for work assignments (this is not referring to online classes).
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Human Resources issues.

At a future meeting Ted Heidloff and Carlene Smith will meet with the Deans Council to discuss various issues.

Engineering Technology accreditation.

The Engineering Technology program has received accreditation in their discipline.

Summer Research Fellowship for faculty.

The Provost and Dixie Dennis are working on summer research fellowships for faculty. The possible scenario is \$5,000 for ten faculty members. There is the idea that a faculty member receiving a fellowship would not be teaching at the same time as working on the research associated with the fellowship. For example, a faculty member might teach in Summer I and work on a research fellowship in Summer II.