

Dean's Council
April 20 2005

Roy Gregory was in attendance with his fellow Development Office staff. He was asking for the Dean's to help with fundraising for Fall 2005. Please forward to his department information about potential donors, and report possible departmental needs back to the Development Office that a donor might help support. The Development office will be contacting the various deans as to what scholarships are available for the various programs in the various schools. When asked, Roy Gregory said that there were 167 people who have donated to scholarship football and of these, 95% were from new donors.

Julia McGee was in attendance to discuss nights, evenings, and weekend classes being scheduled and what focus the University will have to publicize these classes.

As a follow-up to the joint Deans/Chairs/Directors meeting; Dr. Speck said the workload policy will have to change. He set up a taskforce of the academic deans to work on this policy and to open a discussion on what might need to change. The change in the THEC funding formula is driving the need to make sure no student is turned away. There is a need for more online courses, offering courses in the evenings, on weekends to meet student needs.

When asked about DSP students complaining about having to successfully complete their courses before registering for other course, Houston Davis cleared up a misconception. DSP students who successfully pass their courses will have plenty of time to register for other courses; they will not be forced to register after everyone else. There are approximately 20 courses that a student with two DSP course requirements can take which should be enough for a student to have 3 semesters of courses. If the student only has one DSP course, they have about 30 courses to choose from. DSP students were never meant to take normal college courses until they complete their DSP courses. The Deans were all in agreement with this policy that DSP prerequisites must be successfully passed before registering for all college courses.

Electronic dossiers were discussed. A motion was made and passed that all first and third year dossiers will be done electronically for 2005. Second year faculty will not be required to submit their dossiers electronically for 2005 academic year but they might want to attend classes in preparation for their third year review. For 2006, all first through fourth year dossiers will be electronic and for 2007, dossiers for everyone less than full professor will be electronic—all promotions, retention and tenure will be in electronic format by 2007. There will be training before classes start in August 2005 for this process.

Reminder that Academic Honors will be April 27, 2005 at 3 PM at MMC. Faculty should attend in full regalia.

Spring Faculty meeting will be May 5th.

Graduation ceremony will be May 6th.