

President's Advisory Council February 27, 2013

Present: Dr. Jeremy McMillen, Shelle Cassell, Paula Cavender, Jan Crumpton, Steve Davis, Brandy Fair, Jeanie Hardin, Gary Hensler, Donna King, Barbara Malone, Jake McBee, Gary Paikowski, Roy Renfro, Debbie Smarr, Tony Stanzo, Kim Teel

Campus Wide Annual Focus

Tony Stanzo proposed a plan for inculcating each of the six new core objectives into the culture of the campus. He suggested that the college adopt a focus for the year and build professional development, workshops, awareness campaigns, etc. around that topic to deepen the impact of the core objective for the students and employees. The six areas of the new core are: critical thinking, teamwork, quantitative and imperial reasoning, communication (oral, visual, written), personal responsibility, and social responsibility. In general, members were positive about the proposal; many felt there would be a way to include more than one objective in each focus. They saw the benefits of all employees mirroring the skills and traits of the objectives. Industry is telling us that they are looking for employees who have decision and goal-setting skills and understand responsibility in the workplace. It was suggested that the core components be included in Learning Frameworks, and that faculty could include activities that would be enhance a students' portfolio. The SSBTN Guiding Team is meeting to look at CCSSE results and will make a recommendation on the priority order of introducing the six new core objectives. First step would be to adopt an objective (or combination of objectives), followed by operational conversations on what actions to take. All of the activities should be embedded in the departmental planning process to ensure long-term success. There would be a need to support faculty by adopting some institutional projects that professors can direct their students to participate in.

ACTION: Tony Stanzo and Jeanie Hardin will explore the concept and bring a proposal back.

President's Update

- Dr. McMillen thanked those involved in the recent South Campus Technical Center Groundbreaking and SOSU articulation agreement signing.
- Dr. McMillen shared a brief overview of the February 25 Board meeting. Trustees heard an update on Student Success efforts, the monthly Business Office Report, and a recap of the legislative session negotiations. The Board approved a tuition hike (effective for the Fall 2013 semester) of \$4 for In-District, \$7 for Out-of-District, and \$4 Non-Resident. The tuition proposal was based on the assumptions that the Board would want to decrease the tax rate, that enrollment would be flat, and that the economy is starting to grow. He gave a five-year projection of income to the Board. The Board also approved a new \$90 E-Text Fee for the seven courses in the Fall 2013 E-Text pilot program. If the program is expanded in the Spring, a new proposal will need to be approved. Dr. McMillen provided information on roof repairs being made on the Main Campus, and requested approval for contract extensions for the personnel reporting to the President.

- No Communications Council meeting will be held this Friday, March 1, due to Professional Development Day. Dr. McMillen will distribute an announcement if the meeting will be held on Friday, March 8 (before Spring Break).
- Dr. McMillen has submitted a Rider through Representative Larry Phillips to the Legislature to collect funds for the Viticulture & Enology program that were awarded in the last session, but only partially paid.

Announcement and Reminders

- Professional Development Day – Activities will begin with the regular First Friday Breakfast from 7:00-7:50 a.m. Supervisors were asked to visit with their office personnel so that key offices would remain open with minimal services and all employees could attend a portion of the sessions.
- Work on connecting the college campus to the City of Denison's sewer system is still moving forward.
- Steve Davis announced the Carl Perkins audit team will be on campus April 8-9. He will be sending agendas and meeting times to those involved in the visit.
- Several college employees attended POISE training last week. There is work being done on a mobile app that will be beneficial to our students.
- Institutional Effectiveness office is forming an Estudios Users Group of about 10 employees who will meet regularly to improve proficiency, become more familiar with the software and its uses.
- SSBTN meeting was productive and continues to bring a broader understanding to us. The upcoming Institute will be valuable and provide a good networking tool. Several members expressed an interest in having time with the consultant to ask direct questions and get guidance on issues that have popped up throughout the project.

NEXT MEETING – 8:30 a.m. March 20, 2013