

President's Advisory Council March 20, 2013

Present: Dr. Jeremy McMillen, Giles Brown, Shelle Cassell, Paula Cavender, Steve Davis, Brandy Fair, Gary Hensler, Donna King, Barbara Malone, Jake McBee, Gary Paikowski, Tony Stanzo, Kim Teel

All-Faculty Email

Jake McBee and Gary Hensler presented a request that all part-time and full-time faculty be required to use grayson.edu email. There have been important communications missed due to professors not using the campus email system. Employees would have the ability to forward grayson.edu messages to personal email addresses. Training sessions could be arranged to help personnel navigate and learn the features of the gmail system. Gary Paikowski will ensure that part-time faculty are included in the automatic process of assigning email addresses to new personnel. Assuming there are no unintended consequences, such as interference with administrative functions, all members agreed to support this new directive that will be effective Fall 2013. Members were asked to let faculty know of the upcoming change.

Student Technology Needs Survey

Jake McBee shared some of the highlights of a recent student survey on campus technology. The results will be emailed to President's Advisory Council members. There were 1168 responses. Many students cited the need for more technical assistance and printing options. Jake will form a team to work on improvement solutions.

Graduation Start Times

Gary Hensler proposed moving the Commencement ceremonies to 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The details for the receptions for students and families, as well as the light lunch for Board and participating employees are to be determined. The change in times was agreed upon by all PAC members present.

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The Guiding Team is preparing for their presentation at the upcoming conference. Barbara Malone reported that the 'air modules' are being completed. Dr. McMillen said that Dr. Cooper's next visit will include time for employees to ask questions and work through specific issues.

Announcement and Reminders

- College Effectiveness Council meeting will be March 28.

- A webcam has been installed at the South Campus Technical Center construction site. Webcams are also being installed at Dub Hayes Field and the softball field so that games can be watched online.
- Gary Paikowski announced that Google has an affordable archive service for email. He asked that employees save only work-related emails. Dr. McMillen reminded members that all documents, including email messages, are accessible through an open records request.
- Dr. McMillen congratulated Mary Linder and Phi Theta Kappa for the recognition they received at the State Convention. Grayson College student Katie Turner, current PTK president, is running for International Vice President during the National Convention in April.
- Denison and Whitesboro High Schools are participating in a SACS review.
- The College has received two grants: \$150,000 College for Heroes that will help veterans align their military training experience with curriculum and \$15,000 for students 50+ to align their work experience with curriculum. The logistics for administrating these are in the works.
- The Foundation's Annual Scholarship Campaign has raised \$233,000 toward its \$300,000 goal. So far, 151 donors have pledged gifts to the scholarship campaign. Dr. McMillen expressed appreciation to the community volunteers who are raising these dollars on our behalf.
- Dr. McMillen gave a brief legislative update on community colleges. He said the Senate version is more favorable than the House version, and that the difference is likely to be settled in conference committee.

NEXT MEETING – 8:30 a.m. April 10, 2013