

Academic Dean's Council, December 22, 2015

1. Minutes from October approved

2. Standing Reports

- **Faculty Senate, Rayson**
 - Policy 6.82 received a do pass with amendments
 - Memorial to schedule more than 10 minutes between classes to allow more time for travel and for setting up class demonstrations
 - Developing a policy statement for 5.90
 - Master's of Engineering Proposal on agenda
 - Two nominees for Chair: Chris Brown and Gary Rayson
- **ADAC, Pollack**
 - Mid-term grading dates: working with Registrar's Office, Greg Fant to make window be from February 12 to March 1, consistent with Faculty Senate legislation. Beth will confirm
 - Summary sheet distributed for majors going to 120 credits
 - These require approval from department, Faculty Senate, Deans.
 - Report on Regents response to progress toward 120.
 - State statute and our outside accrediting body have different views on Regent's roles on campus.
 - Accreditation and state requirements are one reason why credits are over 120.
 - List of programs going to 120 were approved as amended.

3. New Business

- **First Read: Master of Engineering Proposal**
 - Much of this can be online and will not require a thesis
 - This will allow faculty to focus more on doctoral level research
 - Professional degrees are becoming more popular nationally
 - Program will be interdisciplinary
 - There is a Master of Agriculture degree
- **Viewing a Wider World**
 - Clarifying that the Engineering proposal would set minimum VWW course at one if so determined by faculty in that program.
 - Dean Stochaj believes that this would help programs reach 120
 - OIA is surveying students on VWW courses; Will revisit VWW after this data is available.

4. Provost's Comments

- State determines the general education core. Provosts in state sent a letter to Higher Education Department requesting a re-examination of gen ed. Summit to kick this off planned for January; effort will have an intense timeline. Each provost can bring 7 people with them to a summit.
 - NMSU has a taskforce that has worked on learning objectives.
 - At the same time, English and Math general education courses are being aligned at the state level.
 - NMSU also participating in WICHE's first in the world grant
- **Meta majors:** this formalizes existing practices of steering undecided undergraduates to areas where they have an interest.

- NMSU can be proactive about this by creating our own before we are legislated to do this. Example: Would the Ag college have one meta major? More than one?
- Colleges will need to decide what courses will be in the meta majors for the first 30 credits (first two semesters).
- Need to make this a systemwide effort so students can move from community colleges to university campus. This aligns well with Aggie Pathway.
- Advising is key to this.
- Some meta majors should cross colleges
- DACC is using a cohort model for first-year learning communities and can show retention gains.
- We will need to assess this, which will require tagging in Banner.
- We should all read up on this

5. Updates

- Library was vandalized.
- No enrollment reports first week in January
- Moratorium waivers need to include start-up costs
- Beth Pollack will circulate signature pages through the ADAC listserv for program approvals.

Attendees

D. Howard, G. Fant, J. Bosland, V. Chaitanya, S. Stochaj, C. Slaton, G. Rayson, J. Libbin, M. Chaiken, N. Lee, J. Hoffman, N. Kellner, C. Menking, T. Keller, S. Stovall, K. Boberg, D. Smith, B. Pollack (noted from recording or meeting; others might have been present but not noted)