Academic Deans Council, September 29, 2015

1. Common Read (Jasek and Chaiken)
   - Many universities assign a book that all incoming freshmen read
   - Programming around this book can include speakers, groups, etc.
   - Honors Dean and Dean of Students are co-chairing an effort to bring this to NMSU.
   - Dean Jasek worked with this program at University of West Florida.
   - Common Read can be used to bridge town and gown relationships; at Dean Chaiken's campus, not only freshmen read the book: Whole campus could read along
   - Discussion: Roll out needs to be thoughtful; not just an add-on program.
     - Provide outcomes, strategic guidelines. Faculty need pedagogical direction
     - This fits well with UNIV 150 and ENGL 111
     - Outside classroom activities and could be supported through Residence Life programming, other activities.
     - Next steps: form a committee to design this program
     - Open call for literature; panel will review and announce in spring
     - Navigators should read to reinforce connection with students
     - Question: Any opposition to this? None
     - Throw out questions at sporting events to win stuff
     - Add in assessment, tie to baccalaureate experience

2. Approval of Minutes: August, April, February changes: passes unanimously

3. Digital Measures
   - Digital Measures Steering Committee has been guiding work
   - Creating common look for faculty vita
   - Search engine can pull up faculty researching in broad categories
   - Coming soon: Links to faculty personal pages, office hours, apply to NMSU; public face of Digital Measures can increase applications
   - All faculty will be listed in the public face; this is public information. Some information that is sensitive has been removed, like birthdate
   - This needs to be discussed outside ADC -- this is a broader question
   - Photographs: these are commonly included in other institutions.
   - Graduate students could be in Digital Measures -- this could help us recruit and our students to get a job.
   - Digital Measures recognizes an active employee field.
   - Plan.nmsu.edu captures Digital Measures committee and work
   - Staff, Deans, Associate Deans can be in Digital Measures

4. Standing Reports
   - Enrollment: 6-week grading window opened Friday. Navigators are meeting with colleges to coordinate with them. Support for students at this point is fragmented and inconsistent.
   - Faculty Senate: 4 propositions introduced in August. Three upcoming for Thursday. Engineering is proposing changing VWW requirements. Also 6.82 will be introduced along with Basic Skill language. New senator orientation scheduled for today. FS Chair will visit Grants at the Round Up.
• **ADAC**: Met September 14 and 28. Marissa Macias briefed on Navigators. Name change from Education was referred to Grad Council. Other items: 6-week grades, textbook adoption, centralized scheduling (how are we going to get in rooms that are locked).
  o September 28: Voting members are Assoc deans, 2 from A&S, grad school, honor, library, 4 VPAA community colleges, FS Vice Chair.

5. **Old Business**
   • **6.82 Discussion**
     o Silent on Academic Achievement with honors (should be in the catalog). Link would be helpful.
     o Associate Degree: Should a body with authority to create a degree have a voice in changing that degree?
     o Line 53: this is not consistent across degrees.
     o Line 116: "Tailored to meet interests of students..." Sounds like independent study. Add content that students must meet degree requirements.
     o How can we decrease number of touches to improve efficiencies?
     o Line 121: Last discussion limited this: Graduate School did not support.
       - Maximum is important and should be part of this: Should this be limited by practices (advising) or policy? How to reconcile expectation of graduation in a certain time and limiting student options.
     o We have a 7-year rule for graduate students. Courses are re-certified after that.
     o Initial concern was excessive dissertation credits.
     o Need to ensure change process is efficient.
     o Touch issue: Dean, department head, faculty, provost. What about coordination? (ADAC and this group).
       - Interdisciplinary degrees need to have ADAC and ADC.
       - Look at change: Is this college specific or larger? This could determine approval processes.
     o Motion to send back for revision: passed with one dissenter

• **Basic Skills**: Tabled until next meeting
• **Move to 120 credits**: This will be handled as an email

6. **New Business**
   • **Counseling Name Change**: This is a licensing requirement rather than accreditation. Motion to approve.
     o **Discussion**: Counseling and mental health program will need a new CIP code because it has diverged from Counseling and Guidance.
     o This is moving from a concentration to a major: Thus it is a new major and needs an appropriate CIP code.
     o Passed with 3 abstentions.
   • **Fulbright**: Faculty representative to Fulbright. Senior Administrator, Faculty Developer, and former Fulbright Scholar
     o Tim Ketelaar, Cornell Menking
     o One more from Dean Chaiken
   • **Science Fair**
     o Fair costs about $40K $30K for travel, some staff compensation.
     o Offspring of faculty members win a lot.
     o If we don’t do this, what is the alternative?
     o Budget concerns: Could this be an RPSP, Advancement, Arrowhead?
- Engineering willing to do their part. Business will give $, A&S, ACES willing to look. Education can look.
- Vote to discontinue: 2
- Get real data on effort versus payback.
  - **Ruffalo Noel Levitz web recommendations:** Taking this to the Web Governance group. Bernadette requested additional time to review additional recommendations from RNL.
  - **Roush Awards**
    - Business: Faculty Council makes recommendations to department head council.
    - Deans and Assoc Deans review list and choose
  - **Scheduling:** Centralized and twice weekly
    - Safety and security issue
    - Schedule classrooms for next fall
    - Goal for Astra is to capture data on use
    - Briefed (very brief) on MW, TR schedule with large time block on Friday
  - **Burrell program**
    - What majors will be accepted?

7. Updates

**Attendees**

N. Kellner  J. Brown  S. Stochaj
S. Munson-McGee  D. Esquibel  S. Stovall
D. Pope-Davis  T. Keller  D. Smith
K. Brook  B. Pollack  B. Montoya
J. Bosland  E. Titus  V. Chaitanya
M. Chaiken  J. Libbin  G. Fant
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