Academic Deans Council  
Notes from February 28, 2017

Introductions
- Jennifer Hodges, Interim Director, Centralized Advising

1. Notes approved as distributed

2. New Business
- College of Education Reorganization, presented by Azadeh Osanloo, Debra Knapp, David Rutledge
  - Proposal for Teacher Preparation, Administration, and Leadership; combines C&I, ELA, SPED
    - Goal: move from departments to schools, Seeking more collaboration
    - Process: College Council visited departments and held focus groups, started in January 2016.
    - College Council has representation from every department; also participated: Staff, alumni
    - Held town hall meetings, faculty voice was present in model
    - Details:
      - One department, 2 directors (UG, Grad)
      - 45 faculty members, excluding adjuncts
      - Looking to integrate K20 pipeline
    - P&T: Working on micro and macro ideas simultaneously
    - Because all policies align, this should not be too difficult
    - Faculty senate approval is possible this year
    - Not waiting for Team 6: re-organization is long overdue and better serves constituents.
- Request feedback: Send to Melody for forwarding

3. Old Business: Viewing a Wider World
- Motion made and seconded to approve proposal to waive one VWW course for students who have been deployed overseas.
- Discussion: this is consistent with how we treat Study Abroad
- Passed unanimously.

4. Policies
- 6.55 Academic Rules for Distance Education
  - Dean Pontelli’s comments are with Lisa Warren for later incorporation
  - Rule regarding fee allocations will be in a different document
  - Send comments to Susie and Greg [distance@nmsu.edu]
  - Concerns about notification regarding new programs; also, discussion about Part 2, D1 and D2.
  - Canvas is the system of record and allows verification that courses are not correspondence courses.
  - A Distance Education handbook will go along with this.
  - What if this deters faculty from teaching distance education courses?
  - FACT is supportive of this
  - The quality issue supports accreditation
  - Faculty Senate Leadership discussion: ones who teach online felt this was warranted
- 6.67 Experiential Learning
  - Can we transcript something that is not part of classes?
  - Registrar’s Office has come up with a solution for coding these experiences
  - Co-op experiences can meet this requirement
  - Online students will be included in this requirement
  - Comments go to Chris Brown
  - Will this be a general requirement or a degree requirement?
  - Department will have to certify these experiences
  - Honors has offered internships for students who are working in their areas that includes expectations, assignments, etc.
  - Transfer students will need to understand requirement: notify community colleges.
Agreement with this ideologically: Implementation is the issue. Related question: Where do
resources come from to manage this? Faculty time is a limited commodity.

- Provost question: What is the best way to implement this? What budget is required for this?
  - This needs to be certified at the department level
  - Assessment will have to be part of a defined teaching load

**5.25 and 5.27 Faculty Compensation**

- Faculty increases are currently considered as new money. Another option could be to fund this
  from the Provost’s Faculty Pool.
- Discussion: it is a challenge to recruit top candidates

### 5. Standing Reports

- **Enrollment Report, B. Montoya**
  - Aggie Experience on President’s Day was full, Conroy Honors and HACU event (900 students)
  - El Paso area looks good fro applications, in-state is up, but Doña Ana County is still a challenge
  - International student applications are down nationally
  - Graduate enrollment is steady; but there is a decrease in international students. Graduates from
    NMSU are up.
  - Descubre: Jorge Ramos is guardedly optimistic. We will host Descubre Dias in mid-April.
  - First two orientations are near capacity.

- **Faculty Senate, K. Hammond**
  - Questions on the report should be addressed to FS Chair

- **ADAC, K. Brook**
  - Program: New music degree was reviewed
  - Minors in computational, biomedical, and brewery engineering

- **HLC Update, Shelly Stovall**
  - Criterion 3 is next
  - Faculty Credentials had a unanimous do pass from committee
  - Shelly will distribute spreadsheets about faculty and credentials
  - Student complaints system is live and ready to go but not yet publicized
  - Dean of Students has a complaint system for non-academic complaints

### 6. Provost Update

- **Advising update**
  - Faculty Connections Subcommittee: Working on maintaining connections between faculty and
    students
  - Advisors will be associated in teams, organized by meta majors, more or less.
  - Graduate advisors are not moving to the centralized program.
  - Looking at García Annex for location.
  - Counseling Center will move during Spring Break

- **General Education Update**
- **Strategic Planning update**
- **Christmore nominations, Westphafer coming soon**

### 7. Updates

- 100% participation in assessment from colleges
- Honors College
- New Mexico Leadership Institute event yesterday with Honors College
- Miriam Chaiken traveling to Arizona for recruitment tomorrow
- Conroy Scholarship group gets bigger every year
- Peace Corp Program was approved
- Chancellor’s survey on councils closes Monday
- Library cafe was named Zuhl Fuel
- Early grade submission delayed 24 hours.


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