

# Academic Deans Council

## Notes from January 24, 2017

### 1. New Business

- Viewing a wider world for military veterans: Proposal would allow a waiver for one VWW course for military experience if they have been deployed for >4 weeks. This is akin to a study abroad program.
- Military records detail length of time and location of service and documents time overseas. Memo from commander for active service students would suffice for documentation.
- Discussion included other students who have lived overseas, missionary service, time spent on a carrier.

### 2. Approval of minutes: approved as distributed

### 3. Standing Reports

- **Enrollment: Judy's interpretation**
  - Spring is always less than fall; More swirling going on right now. Alamo has >25% main campus students.
  - International is not as high as it was last year, but numbers are small.
  - Still have large graduating classes.
  - Discussion
    - College of Engineering: Pre-req violations
    - Greg Ewing, new LCPS superintendent, interested in building pipeline to local university and has similar experience in Georgia.
- **Faculty Senate**
  - Report distributed with minutes
  - Discussion about research rating and trying to raise this designation.
  - Are faculty being allowed to use their buy-out money?
    - Department heads need to support grants and contracts.
    - Memorial to try to reverse trend that research is being de-emphasized.
    - Federal expenditures since 2010 have declined (this was a high point due to stimulus spending)
- **ADAC**
  - Discussed: Looking at rule updates
    - Student concerns website
- **HLC Update**
  - Advisory Councils need to be documented.
  - Pieces of assurance arguments will be distributed soon (early February) for dean review.
    - Especially interested in things we are not aware of. Is there additional evidence that can be shared?

### 4. Graduate Admissions

- Loui created a logic model
  - Numbers have declined but graduation numbers have not changed much.
    - Departments graduate admissions: Some moved deadlines, some are truly decreasing; others are volatile with no clear trend
    - GAs need to be allocated annually
  - China, India, Mexico: international enrollment up from these countries nationally.
  - Deans have a major role in graduate enrollment
  - Propose for 2017
    - Grad student funds: Will have less for insurance, Arrowhead, Athletics. Looking to cut from 508 to 460.
    - Re-package offers to include tuition and insurance.

- Grad assistantships can be re-allocated based on decreased enrollment.
- Need to focus on competitive packages rather than number of packages.
- Support should go primarily for doctoral students
  - Do TAs go to a faculty member or to a class?
  - Need to understand where TAs are really critical for teaching mission.

### 5.Provost Comments

- **Advising:** distribute list to deans
  - Garcia Annex for location
    - Faculty Senate Chambers would make a good reception area
- General Education: Model is on Provost website
  - Comment period is open
  - How do existing classes get incorporated to new model?
  - From provost query: Over 100 responses, overwhelmingly positive regarding interest in developing new curriculum
  - Considering pilot in 2017, primarily in A&S.
- **EAB:** Deans like it but it is probably not worth \$27K

### 6.Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship, Jim Kroger

- For the cost of a server, we can set up a website for faculty seeking students to students seeking faculty. See hand out.
  - Implementation: Find 10 departments interested in piloting. Jim to visit large classes to talk up opportunity. With 10 departments, we can test and de-bug.
  - This a major initiative at Michigan.
  - Students are not paid so are not motivated by a check, and program cannot be cut because there is no cost.
- College of Ed is developing something similar: Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement
- Support from Honors College. This can be for credit from honors college. URCAS is a good venue for presenting results. Similar to REU programs for NSF, often for interdisciplinary projects.
- Support from A&S. Currently have 2 REU sites on campus. Getting credit might allow for students to have scheduling space for this.
- Engineering: Need metrics for faculty to ensure equal access.
- This ties into experiential learning emphasis of Regents.

### 7.Updates

- NSSE Launches February 14
- Hooding Ceremony at 6 rather than 7 pm this spring
- Government and Computer Science, another career award
- 2 Fulbright candidates made first cut
- Conroy Scholars on President's Day, February 20
- April 3 for Hidden Figures author to visit campus

**Attendees:** D. Howard, mmm, E. Pontelli, S. Loring, K. Brook, D. Smith, B. Montoya, L. Reddi, D. Pope-Davis, J. McAteer, C. Menking, L. Reyes, E. Titus, J. Hoffman, J. Bosland, Joanne DuPre, D. Wagner, S. Stochaj, M. Chaiken