Academic Deans Council
Notes from December 19, 2017

1. Approval of minutes: Approved as distributed

2. Mini-semester and credit recovery courses
   • Three ideas for mini-semester courses
     o Courses students can use to build skills to enhance future success (ALEKS example)
     o Courses that are a re-start (offering same courses but with support)
     o Courses at a lower level of complexity (i.e. from Chem 111 to CHEM 101)
   • Withdrawal from a class: have a credit gap to address
   • Students who take another course at NMSU: might not have to pay (tuition structure). More likely to have
     to pay if taken at DACC, but will apply to lottery qualification if needed.
   • Data that might be helpful
     o What courses are students dropping to take minis?
     o What are students taking as part of UNIV courses?
     o How successful are repeat attempts?
       ▪ CHEM 111 and Math: always a handful of repeats
   • UNIV courses build skills, but often do not count toward a degree
   • Mini-semester courses should be most relevant for departments with courses that have high DFW rates
   • Important to assign the right instructor

3. Standing Reports
   • Enrollment
     o Spring Enrollment: Long way to go to be flat; about 320 students behind where we were last
       year.
     o Majority of students in calling campaign have AR holds.
     o 12% of freshmen have not enrolled although they have no advising hold.
     o Juniors and Seniors have large % who have not enrolled but who are eligible.
     o Applications are up a lot for next year: In state, in DAC, El Paso, Arizona.
       ▪ We have front loaded this — Fin Aid packaged for all freshmen who have applied.
     o About caught up on applications.
   • Faculty Senate
     o Discussion of vote of no confidence.
   • ADAC: Greg reported.
   • HLC
     o We uploaded response to HLC today.
     o HLC requires a 4-year assurance review

4. Provost’s Comments
   • Conflict of interest regarding outside teaching
     o We need to apply policies consistently
       ▪ Staff face same rules if they are full time.
       ▪ GAs are not full-time so they can teach outside.
     o Discussion
       ▪ All COI statements have been reviewed.
       ▪ Not reporting COIs are an issue.
       ▪ Deans are secondary approval of COIs and need to understand the importance of
         consistent treatment.
   • NMSU Fees
     o Department cannot charge fees for courses.
       ▪ We have processes for this
   • Differential Tuition
Need to develop justification for tuition differential. March is deadline: All proposals need to go through Paula and Andy.

- Student Success Committee Items
- Strategic Enrollment Management Plan
- Re-envisioning career services: $50K
  - Bernadette meeting with Tony tomorrow morning, Paula tomorrow afternoon.
- Career-oriented student employment investment: $100K, recurring.
  - Rule section Part 4: Requesting 3 items to be compiled in dean’s offices and EVPP office
  - These funds will be distributed by the Provost.
    - Suggestion for next steps: Call for short and concise proposals. Task force Chris used could task force to review.
    - Deans need to be point person for filtering proposals to encourage experiential learning.

5. Updates: Year end edition
- Advising: thanks. Great team effort
- Assessment update: HLC reported that faculty understand assessment
- A&S up in earnings
- Library went live with new system