

Council of Department Heads

Minutes for February 22, 2011

Members Present: Bob Bauer (PSYCH), Ed Chatelain (PAG), Fred Downing (Philosophy and Religion), Carl Cates (COMM ARTS), Ed Chatelain, (Astronomy, Physics, Geosciences), Robert Gannon (Biology), Mike Griffin (Kinesiology and Phys. Ed.), Phyllis Holland (MGMT/IB), Wallace Koehler (MLIS), Ashok Kumar (Mathematics and Computer Science), Donald Leech (ED LEAD/CIT), Reynaldo Martinez, Jr. (Adult and Career Education), Lynn Minor (Early Childhood), A. Blake Pearce (Art), Jim Peterson (Political Science), Paul Riggs (History), Darrell Ross (SOCANTHCJMFT), James Schrader (Music), Mark Smith (English), Viki Soady (MCL), Barbara Stanley (Middle, Secondary, Reading and Deaf Education), Len Weld (Accounting and Finance).

Guests: Dr. Patrick Schloss, Dr. Phil Gunter (Academic Affairs), John Crawford (University Advancement), Kristina Cragg (Strategic Research), Walter Peacock (Admissions), Tracy Woodard- Myers (Women's and Gender Studies), Ofelia Nikolova (Honors Program), Alicia Roberson (Student Success Center/OASIS)

I. Council Chair Martinez called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and welcomed the guests listed above.

II. The minutes of the meeting of January 25 were approved with adjustments to the attendance list: Gannon and Stanley were removed. (Motion: Ross/Kumar)

III. OPEN FORUM with VPAA Gunter:

- Summer School and Departmental Budgets are still under discussion re: adjustments.

IV. OPEN FORUM with President Schloss:

- The budget end is near and state revenues are up, but the stimulus dollars are going away.
- VSU had planned for the stimulus repayment and is still able to consider projects and ideas that will yield more seats to increase student enrollment.
- He then distributed a handout concerning a new recruiting strategy to attract even more excellent students involving a significant number of new entry scholarships.
- It was requested that the source of these scholarships and the intended criteria for these scholarships not be included in the minutes at this time.
- The item was presented for information only and for feedback from Heads as the process evolves.

V. TWO-YEAR RECRUITMENT INITIATIVE

Walter Peacock described a vigorous new plan to recruit directly and actively from two-year colleges using new scholarships.

- He requested that Department Heads send him a list of the contact persons for each program or sub-discipline within their Department so that students and recruiters can make direct contacts.

VI. INQUIRY OF TEACHING EVALUATION STRATEGIES

- Due to the lateness of the hour, Len Weld requested that this item be deferred to the next DHC meeting.

VII. UPDATE OF CDH WEB SITE

- Chair Martinez reported that the new web site is in draft form and requested that all suggestions for content to be included be sent to him via e-mail asap. The web site address is: www.valdosta.edu/cdh .

VIII. ASST. VP FOR RESEARCH AND DEAN OF GRAD. STUDIES

- Don Leech reported no meetings and no progress, although James Laplant has stated that the committee will commence action again soon.

IXI. CORE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

- Bob Bauer reported that the Core Curriculum Committee is developing assessments based upon its last meeting.

X. E-LEARNING ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

- Viki Soady reported that there was no news from the E-Learning Advisory Board.

XI. NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

- James Schrader reported that the orientation planned for at least part of the week before the official return of faculty and will involve instructions on Banner, Proof Rolls, etc. If Heads have suggestions, please share with Dr. Shrader.

XII. CIVILITY TASK FORCE

- Bob Gannon reported that the task force had completed its work.

XIII. PLANNING AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

- Paul Riggs reported that the most recently scheduled meeting had been cancelled.

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS

The Council declared its unanimous thanks and deep appreciation to the President and the Enterprise Group for the new scholarships that will soon be announced campus-wide. (Motion by Acclamation)

Adjournment: 5:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Viki Soady