Natural Sciences Chairs Council

June 15, 2020

1:00pm – 3:00pm, ZOOM

In Attendance: S. Pantula, S. McGill, M. Chao, K. Cousins, H. Qiao, T. Burch, B. Haddock, T. Rizzo, D. Maynard, J. Torner, T. Valencia, D. Rinebolt, R. Hernandez

Student Affairs Presentation (Paz Oliverez, VP Student Affairs)

* Dr. Oliverez gave an overview of the division of student affairs. It consists of 21 departments that support the academic mission of the university.
* Dr. Oliverez showed a slide of all of the student organizations in our college and asked the chairs to check it for accuracy and completeness. She spoke to the chairs of the importance of a student organization being properly chartered and explained the benefits of being chartered.
* Dr. Oliverez reported that University Hour will be launched in the fall semester. It will be an opportunity for students to get together with faculty.
* Dr. Oliverez also reported that a faculty advisory board will be started with the fall semester. It will give faculty the opportunity to share information and receive feedback.

Announcements by Chairs

* Dr. Maynard shared that there are problems with the enrollment prerequisites for his classes.
* Dr. Haddock reported that the American College of Sports Medicine recognized the Exercise Science concentration in the Department of Kinesiology with Gold status. It is a renewal of Gold status for the program.
* Dr. Burch reported the Nursing Department is very busy. Faculty are working on a proposal for a Dignity Health grant and the department is trying to deal with how they will handle the cancellation of the Obstetrics clinical sites being cancelled due to Covid. Dr. Burch said she has also had a lot of postbac students reaching out to her wanting to get into the nursing program.
* Dr. Torner said he is busy reviewing enrollments in the physics’ classes. He has found that some students have enrolled in the wrong classes.
* Dr. Guzman reported that she has sent a list of all students beginning in the fall (transfers and FTF) to the departments. She is setting up meetings with the departments and the advisors
* Dr. Chao reported that he too is busy cleaning up the prereq enrollment issues like other departments.
* Mr. Hernandez reported that he is trying to set up convocation for the college. He inquired if anyone had a problem with it being held on August 20th in the afternoon. He asked the chairs if they would send him their department highlights for the year as he needs to put together 8 department highlights for the annual report.
* Dr. Cousins reported that she too is extremely busy dealing with the prerequisite problems as well as bridge courses and the paperwork nightmare.
* Dr. Rizzo reported that this would be his last meeting as the interim department chair for the Health Science Department. Beginning in August Dr. Lal Mian will be the interim chair.
* Ms. Valencia reported that she is very busy working on the overload payments that need to be made. She is also working on summer contracts.
* Dr. Qiao reported that CSE program launched all GE service courses for fall semester.

Announcements by Administration

* Dr. Pantula thanked all the chairs for their work on the overload pay issue. He also thanked them for all of their hard work on the fall schedule and their work with Mr. Hernandez on scholarships.
* Dr. Torner asked Dr. Pantula if there was any update on the summer research issue. Dr. Pantula said he would let them know as soon as he hears something. He did mention that Doug Freer was not optimistic about it.