

June 24, 2020 Deans' Council Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Paul Blake, Dave Damari, Dave Nicol, Jason Bentley, Leonard Johnson, Trindy Williams, Steve Reifert, Mandy Seiferlein, Steve Halko, Steve Durst, Rich Goosen, Lincoln Gibbs, Kim Wilber,
Taking minutes: Robin Hoisington

ERIP / Severance and CT updates

Paul Blake will meet with the Deans to discuss ERIP details. The CT Union has not signed an agreement at this time but has proposed to review 10-month positions and 32-hour positions and that proposal is currently under review for possible approval.

Fall Semester After Thanksgiving Break

Council members discussed the upcoming semester and what may be open and what may be remote. An option would be open to the faculty whether to remain at the University with face to face instruction, but the campus would plan to have remote instruction ready after the Thanksgiving break for those who need to use it. Dining and dorm facilities will remain open. Council members discussed issues including distributing 15 weeks of instruction materials within a 12-week period and how to appropriately package this type of semester. Issues should be discussed with the FFA and the Academic Senate regarding expectations for a 15-week semester that cannot end by Thanksgiving. Classes will not end by Thanksgiving; teaching needs to continue, even if it is done by a remote fashion. These expectations for the Fall Semester should be communicated to the faculty in July and then re-emphasized to them before the semester begins. Announcements will be made about the weeks remaining after Thanksgiving break.

University Re-entry Discussion

Leonard Johnson gave an overview of faculty survey comments. Discussions included health and safety in the classroom. Information on classrooms should be completed and disseminated by next week. CDC regulations are needed for auditory and visual impairments and how the accessibility issues would be met. A guideline document is being drafted to deal with these types of issues. The issues of guidance and disseminating information are very important and deans are highly encouraged to help and guide their faculty on delivery methods and how to utilize the information and make informed choices for when they begin to return for the fall semester.

Social Media Discussion

Paul Blake asked that council members find the number of social media accounts in their college and how they are monitored.

Rich Goosen was thanked for his years of service to the University in the College of Engineering Technology and as the Interim Dean and was wished well in his retirement.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Hoisington