

Provost Council May 18, 2011

Present: S. Westbrooks, R. Lindsey, J. Balogun, J. Ferguson, C. Sidney, F. Diaz, S. Gist, R. Darga, C. Green, Y. Harris, N. Maynard, R. Milo, R. Benny, D. Collins, M. Mobley Smith, T. Hope, D. Jefferson, C. Dillon

1. Approval of the Minutes: May 11, 2011 Minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Technology updates (Dillon): Commencement will be live cast. Overflow folks will be on the fourth floor and see the ceremony on a monitor. The web cast will be on-line in an edited version in a week.
All thumb drives bought and used to take work home must be on encrypted thumb drives. Passwords should be used on any document that is taken off campus.
3. Freshman Updates (Green): We are currently registering the 2010 cohort. About 26% have registered. There will be weekly meetings with the staff to get all registered. A concern is the business holds on students who owe as little as one dollar. Dr. Green needs list of balances for freshmen so she can help these students address the issue. There needs to be clarification of policies and audit findings for allowing students to register who owe money. Should students be blocked from registering for owing any money, even as little as a dollar? The University College is going forward with interviews for incoming UC students. UC applicants will be interviewed to select the best of the applicants. The University College enrollment will be capped at 200 students.
4. Enrollment Update (Sidney): Overall enrollment for summer school seems to be down 24% but this may have to do with the fact that summer school does not start for two weeks. Students are still registering. They can still register on first day of classes for the second session, so enrollment numbers will go up.

NEW BUSINESS

5. "Dual Enrollment" (Westbrooks): South Suburban interested in offering selected courses for CSU UC students but can't do for fall 2011. Moraine Valley appears to be interested, and Prairie State wants to know if it is necessary for their faculty to come to our campus. It isn't practical to transport students to other campuses. It may be possible to transport their faculty member to our campus. We still have the courses on the books if it isn't possible to enter a partnership with one of the community colleges. Our union is opposed, and we thanked them for their feedback. Our position is that if students gain benefits, we will go forward with planning. We need to move forward with working out the details for our dual enrollment agreement with City Colleges.
6. International Graduate Student Admission: Discussion taken off-line.

7. Faculty Use of Email: Deans are to ensure that all faculty members understand that they are not only required to use their CSU emails for CSU business, but they are responsible for all information sent to them via CSU email.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Sidney: The kickoff for student ambassadors was very successful.

Dr. Balogun: The Induction in CHS was a success.

Dr. Jefferson: Summer school cancellations will be done Thursday, May 26, 2011.

Dr. Gist: The Student Teaching Induction was on Monday; School principals were invited, and three students were offered jobs on the spot.

Dr. Westbrook will get a list of faculty members who do not submit grades on time. Letters of reprimand will be sent to faculty members who are late in submitting grades.

Dr. Westbrook will not be responsible past fall 2011 for the Sexual Assault Prevention Program. 3942 students have completed. Effective fall, all new students will be told to do it when first enrolling.

The Council agreed that we should report the 20% graduation rate, which includes the University College students as well as the Engineering students, as this rate reflects what we have reported earlier. Without these two populations, the graduation rate would be 23%.

Dr. Westbrook suggests that we continue reporting UC and Engineering students, and publicize the two possibilities so the public can see the foolishness of the IPEDS structure..

Dr. Akujieze was able to give scholarships to some graduate students from his grant.