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FROM:       Office of Academic Governance
            Vicki Carlisle, Academic Governance Secretary

SUBJECT:    Academic Council Meeting

The Academic Council will meet on Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. immediately following the President’s State of the University Address. **We will be meeting in the Conference Center Auditorium, CN 1.112.** The information for Item #7, Approval of Candidates for Graduation, will be forwarded to you as soon as it is complete. Please bring the agenda packet with you to the meeting. If you cannot attend, please notify me at vicki.carlisle@utdallas.edu or x6751.

Attachments

**2010-2011 ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

Cy Cantrell                  Grace Bielawski, Student Government President
R. Chandrasekaran
David Cordell**
Murray Leaf*
Dennis Miller
**Tim Redman**
Liz Salter
Richard Scotch
# AGENDA

**ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 3, 2010**

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UNAPPROVED AND UNCORRECTED MINUTES

These minutes are disseminated to provide timely information to the Academic Council. They have not been approved by the body in question, and, therefore, they are not the official minutes.

ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING
October 6, 2010

PRESENT: Hobson Wildenthal, Andrew Blanchard, Cy Cantrell, R. Chandrasakaren, David Cordell, Murray Leaf, Dennis Miller, Tim Redman, Richard Scotch

ABSENT: Liz Salter

VISITORS: Serenity King, Andrew Cunningham, Jessica Murphy, Grace Bielawski

1. CALL TO ORDER, ANNOUNCEMENTS & QUESTIONS
Provost Wildenthal called the meeting to order. There were no questions or announcements.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Speaker Leaf asked to add two additional items from President Daniel. One is Cost Containment Principles and the other is Notification of Oral Examinations. These were added to the agenda as Item 9A and 9B. Cy Cantrell made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Tim Redman seconded the motion. The agenda was approved as amended.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Cy Cantrell made a motion to approve the minutes as circulated. Richard Scotch seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

4. SPEAKER’S REPORT – MURRAY LEAF
Speaker Leaf had nothing to report. Everything being discussed is on the agenda.

5. FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT – MURRAY LEAF
Speaker Leaf asked Richard Scotch and David Cordell to report on the recent Faculty Advisory Council meeting. Dr. Scotch reported that UT Dallas was doing a much better job than many of our peer institutions in terms of handling our budget issues and our relationships with administration. He felt that much of the information received regarding the legislative session and their ability to address budget issues was very troubling. Dr. Cordell reported that Regent Stillwell addressed the group and struck everyone as very reasonable. Senator Kirk Watson spoke as well. Sandra Woodley, Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives, is currently doing comparisons of existing peer institutional groups and aspirational peer groups.

6. HOP COMMITTEE – SERENITY KING
(A) POLICY ON PROCEDURES FOR COMPLETING A GRADUATE DEGREE
Ms. King presented this item. The provisions in this policy have all been previously presented and voted on by Council in catalog copy changes. None of the material in this item is new to the Council. Dr. Redman attended the last HOP Committee meeting in Speaker Leaf’s absence and he had a question on the length of time to complete a degree. The revised policy changes the time limit from ten years to eight years. Dr. Redman questioned if there was any provision for making an exception to this time limit. Ms. King noted that the policy does not specifically address exceptions but that exceptions could be made through the appropriate Associate Deans within the schools.
Speaker Leaf stated that there could always be exceptions if they were consisent with the general intent of the policy, but these are not published because trying to specify them in advance invites a conceptual infinite regression. Dr. Redman suggested that perhaps an overarching statement saying that exceptions can be made by the appropriate deans be added to the beginning of the catalog. Ms. King noted that there are several SACS principles that are specific to graduate programs. We will have to put this policy in our SACS report and it will be scrutinized. If we have an exception clause in the policy SACS is likely to ask for documentation on how the exception works and we may have to justify that later. From that standpoint, it would be preferable not to mention anything about exceptions in the policy. The Council agreed to leave the policy as it is and that no action is necessary. Ms. King will send the policy to OGC for approval.

**B) CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK POLICY**

Ms. King presented this item. This policy is being returned by the HOP Committee due to a concern with the section regarding self-reporting. The draft requires self-reporting of charges or convictions. The HOP Committee is questioning what happens if an individual is charged with a crime and reports that but is not convicted. What happens to that record of the charge and how long does that information stay in an employee’s file? Ms. King has checked the System policy and it does not include language regarding charges. The HOP Committee is asking that the policy be revised to strike the word “charges” from the section on self-reporting. Dr. Scotch said similar concerns were raised in the FAC meeting and that Dan Sharphorn felt that there should be no problem in striking the word “charges.” Ms. King said that the System policy that is posted online states that any charges or convictions must be self-reported in writing, but as far as maintaining the information on file the policy remains silent. Speaker Leaf will revise our policy to be consistent with this. Tim Redman made a motion to place this item as amended on the Senate agenda. Cy Cantrell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7. **CEP PROPOSALS – CY CANTRELL**

(C) Dr. Cantrell presented these items and asked Associate Provost Blanchard to provide a summary of the calendar changes first. Dr. Blanchard said that the reason for the changes is to address the issue of the short cycle between semesters and allow ample time for grades to be turned in, run scholastic suspension reports, perform degree audits, pursue missing grades, etc. Dean Piñeres compared our calendar to those of the other major universities in the state and these revisions bring us in line with what the other universities are doing. The problem with the 15-week instruction period is only with those classes that meet for three hours one day per week. THECB states that traditionally-delivered classes must have 15 weeks of instruction. Classes meeting only one day per week are not considered to be traditionally-delivered classes.

Cy Cantrell made a motion to place the revised calendar with reading days on weekdays on the Senate agenda. Tim Redman seconded the motion. Speaker Leaf stated that he received an email from John Wiorkowski, Chair of the Calendar Committee, asking why this had not been submitted to the Calendar Committee for review before being presented to the CEP or the Council. After discussion the Council agreed to place this on the October Senate agenda, but to ask Dean Piñeres to get the comments of the Calendar Committee prior to the Senate meeting.

(A) **UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG COPY CHANGES**

Dr. Cantrell presented this item. These are editorial changes, but some are substantive. The first is clarification on scholastic suspensions.

The second change deals with graduate courses and the eligibility of students to be eligible for Fast
Track. There was some confusion on whether the revised copy should read that a student must be within 30 hours of completing a baccalaureate degree or if they have to be considered a senior in order to be eligible. There was general discussion regarding this. Richard Scotch suggested we place this on the Senate agenda, but that Dr. Cantrell work with Dean Pineres to add further clarification to this paragraph. The Council agreed.

(B) NEW PROGRAM REQUEST – MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MARKETING
Dr. Cantrell presented this item. This will provide an option for students to specialize in marketing. The major is based on an existing concentration with over 100 students. In recent years, marketing has become more highly technical because of the availability of data. An MBA program will not provide the necessary courses and is more broadly-based. This program is for students who want to make a career in marketing. Cy Cantrell made a motion to place all these items on the agenda (with clarification of the paragraph regarding Fast Track eligibility. Tim Redman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. RECENT QUOTATION IN UTD MAGAZINE – TIM REDMAN
Dr. Redman distributed a copy of the portion of an article in the recent UTD Magazine containing a statement attributed to Dr. Bruce Gnade, Vice President for Research. The article states that Dr. Gnade says research is “not an English professor looking into the finer points of Chaucerian prose.” Dr. Redman reported that he has had a considerable amount of email correspondence and that this statement has caused quite a bit of consternation from the Arts and Humanities faculty. The general feeling is that this implies that English professors don’t do research. Jessica Murphy, attending as a guest to join the discussion, stated that this type of statement was especially discouraging to junior faculty. She also addressed the need for the Office of Research to have a grant specialist who understands the humanities and the social sciences to work with them. After general discussion regarding the article, Provost Wildenthal pointed out that the statement in the article is not a quote from Dr. Gnade, it is the author’s version of a conversation with Dr. Gnade. The author of this article is not a university employee, knows little of the university and was ignorant to the damage that this statement would do.

Dr. Redman’s concern is more with how to fix the problem rather than assigning blame. He suggested that he and Dr. Theresa Towner write a letter stating the concerns of the A&H faculty for the next issue of the magazine. Provost Wildenthal suggested that it would be wiser to go back to our roots on work on revising the university mission statement. He noted that we recently suffered a serious defeat in our attempt to have a Phi Beta Kappa chapter because of our mission statement.

After further discussion, a three-pronged program was agreed to. The Academic Council will begin work on revising the university mission statement; Drs. Redman and Murphy will speak with Mihai Nadin, A&H representative on the Advisory Committee on Research, to make sure that the Office of Sponsored Projects has the correct staff to assist with social sciences grants; and Drs. Redman and Towner will take the lead in having the Arts and Humanities faculty work with the Office of Communications on the third issue of the UTD Magazine, which will feature work done in their school.

9. (A) COST CONTAINMENT STATEMENT FROM PRESIDENT DANIEL
Speaker Leaf presented this item. Tim Redman made a motion to place this item on the Senate agenda. Cy Cantrell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

(B) NOTIFICATION OF ORAL EXAMINATIONS
The university has recently stopped allowing notifications for oral examinations to be sent on the
“faculty” email list. Dr. Cantrell stated that he feels that this does not necessarily reach everyone who would need to see these notices, especially in the cases of students working in more than one discipline. President Daniel has indicated that he would be willing to discuss this with the Senate. The Council agreed that it should be placed on the Senate agenda for discussion.

10. AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 13, 2010 SENATE MEETING

The agenda for the October Senate meeting is as follows:

1. HOP Committee – Criminal Background Check
2. CEP – (A) Proposed Undergraduate Catalog Copy Changes (B) Academic Calendar (C) New Program request – Master of Science in Marketing
3. Cost Containment Principles
4. Notification Policy for Oral Examinations

There being no further business, Provost Wildenthal adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: ___________________________ DATE: ___________________________

Murray J. Leaf
Speaker of the Senate
Scholastic Dishonesty

Academic Year 2009-10

- Scholastic Dishonesty Allegations Received 334 (255U/78G)
  - Originating Schools (Total: U/G)
    - Management (52: 34/18) 15.52
    - Natural Science & Mathematics (52: 50/2) 15.52
    - Arts & Humanities (59: 58/1) 17.66
    - Electrical Engineering & Computer Science (124: 67/57) 37.12
    - Economic Policy & Political Science (16: 15/1) 4.79
    - Brain & Behavior Science (22: 20/2) 6.58
    - Interdisciplinary Studies (7: 7/0) 2.09
    - Other (2: 2/0) .59
  - Charge
    - Cheating – solo or combination (167) 50.0
    - Collusion – solo or combination (58) 17.36
    - Plagiarism - solo or combination (103) 30.83
    - False data/references (3) .89
    - Other (3) .89

- Scholastic Dishonesty Allegations Dismissed
  - Originating Schools
    - Management (5)
    - Natural Science & Mathematics (4)
    - Arts & Humanities (8)
    - Electrical Engineering & Computer Science (7)
    - Economic Policy & Political Science (0)
    - Brain & Behavior Science (3)
    - Interdisciplinary Studies (1)

- Scholastic Dishonesty Hearings
  - Completed (11 students) 10
  - Pending (3 students) 3

- Scholastic Dishonesty Presidential Appeals 27
  - Administrative Disposition
    - Decisions Upheld 22
    - Decisions Modified 1
    - Charges Dismissed 0
    - Appeal not timely filed 1
  - Discipline Hearing
    - Decisions Upheld 2
    - Decisions Modified 1