Council of Deans

Unapproved Minutes

March 19, 2001

Members:

McKellips
Atwater
Burgess
Dawe
Goode
Harrison
Neale
O'Keeffe
Farrell (Attending for Soelle)
Young

Also Present:

President Davis

1. McKellips distributed a document, "General Education Governance."

a. This is not a new document. It is one that the members of the Deans Council have seen before. This was the approved statement of governance for general education. There seems to be some confusion on the part the General Education Committee to deal with some proposed changes.

b. On page 4 under "Certifying Courses for Meeting General Education Requirements," there are some statements to describe the flow for changes in general education. We have the General Education Committee and the General Education Council. The people here in this room are the General Education Council; at least those who are academic deans and Harrison. The idea is that just because some change has been approved by both the Curriculum Committee and the General Education Committee, it still must be considered by the General Education Council. There are people on both of the other committees who do not have the capability to analyze the impact of the changes, such as impact on the budget, personnel needs and those things. We need to look at the changes that have
been proposed. This came about because we were trying to rush people to get the changes made in the catalog and we found that changes were being made in the area of general education. The changes had never been before this group. Harrison may be aware of these proposed changes because he is on both the General Education Committee and the Curriculum Committee. One of the changes has something to do with Earth Science now being under Agriculture rather than Physical Science. The other is a change in the wording of the foreign language requirements under Humanities. Instead of listing the course numbers, they want to just say "Foreign Languages: (Beginning, intermediate and intensive courses"). After a lengthy discussion, no objections were posed to these two changes.

c. There was also a question about general education requirements for the Associate in Science degree. Statement was made that there was a motion to make the general education requirements for an Associate in Science degree same as the general education requirements for a Baccalaureate degree. That is an issue that would require a lot of discussion campus-wide. Discussion followed.

d. Davis asked if there had been any discussion about the PE requirements in our general education and 128 versus 124 hours. Does anyone find that to be a problem with students? After a lengthy discussion, Davis asked if this issue is worth talking about. From time to time we talk about it. Is it worth looking at to try to match our degrees with other institutions? Reply was that it is worth looking at if it helps students move in and move out.

e. Harrison stated that Educational Outreach is in the workshop business and a lot of the workshops have upper division prefixes but are really not upper division courses. With certain exceptions, he would like to see those workshops go back to 1000 and 2000 level courses to discourage students from attempting to load up on one hour workshops to get hours for their upper division requirements. That is a misuse of the system. Discussion followed.

2. McKellips stated that there will be a meeting at the State Regents on Monday, April 2 with some representatives from the Vietnam National University and representatives from all Oklahoma universities. The Vietnam National University has a program in place at the University of Houston-Clear Lake (UH-CL). The way that works is that under an agreement with the UH-CL the UH-CL turns over to the Vietnam University, their general education syllabi and whatever they give them and the Vietnam University teaches those UH-CL courses for the first two years and then the students transfer to UH-CL and graduate in two years. The Vietnam University is looking for a state-wide articulation agreement in the State of Oklahoma. Three universities already have some arrangement with them - Northeastern, UCO and OU. President Davis and Don Sullivan will be going to Vietnam in May to make direct contact with them. Lengthy discussion followed.

3. McKellips stated that he had promised to have a budget workshop but that is becoming increasingly difficult to keep that promise. Seems like every time he has time on the calendar, someone else is not available. He still wants to try to do something unless the deans feel it is not necessary. Many of the new deans have expressed concern about preparing the budget. McKellips asked if they still wanted to try to have a workshop. Answer was "yes."

4. McKellips informed the group that there will be a meeting with Allyson Belmont, the Eduprise representative, tomorrow at 1:30 in HOW 106. Bill Graves had promised to visit Cameron to see if we wanted to pursue utilizing their services but he had a previous commitment on this date. Tomorrow we will get a better understanding of whether or not Eduprise can provide services to support our on-line delivery at a cost that we can afford. They have the capability to prepare the courses and do everything but McKellips does not think that is a good idea. He likes our approach better. By doing some of this ourselves, he feels the faculty will be more comfortable with that. McKellips would like all of those here to attend if they can.

http://www.cameron.edu/uploads/e4/9a/e49a91a2204292b0ac6ea1405e197656/min031901.html 10/27/2010
5. McKellips distributed two documents on "Oklahoma Campus Compact." He stated that there is some confusion about this. He is concerned that people do not know what is happening there. McKellips stated that the state level organization has not made it crystal clear what is going on. Harrison is associated with this. President Davis stated that his office makes information they get available to everyone as quick as he can but he hasn't received much about it. Our people are asking what are we doing and why don't we know about it and what should we be doing. It has not been well communicated. Discussion followed.

6. McKellips has a letter that he has sent to the deans and others regarding MERLOT. MERLOT is a collaborative effort to produce and make available on-line modules for faculty members in a variety of disciplines to access and add to their courses. Karen Hardin is attending a national MERLOT conference where there will be some MERLOT demonstrations. McKellips understands the material is very good. There will be a workshop held at UCO on April 6. There will be limited attendance of five persons per campus. McKellips has asked Karen Hardin to distribute the notification to those who might benefit most from this. These are not on-line courses but on-line learning materials and resources that can be used as an enhancement for regular courses. In order to attend, a faculty member does not have to be developing on-line courses.

COMMENTS

Burgess - The School of Business will be having their business forum on Friday. Everyone will be receiving an e-mail on this. The subject covered will be Right to Work. Dr. Krishnan will be the presenter and Mr. Maddox from the State Senate will be the moderator. Also, Jerry Butler from Oklahoma City, with the Communications Workers of America Union, will be speaking against right to work.

Neale - No comments.

Goode - No comments. McKellips asked if the new computer is ready. Goode replied that they have not released the production copy of the operating system; we are still in Beta. They are supposed to ship that soon. We are still in the testing mode.

O'Keeffe - No comments.

Young -

a. The Library staff has been meeting with the department chairs about the serials project and they have found that in some areas, faculty members are interested in moving to electronic resources and we will be evaluating that.

b. There has been discussion in the Oklahoma House to require schools and community libraries to put filters on their computers with Internet access to block sexually oriented material. This will be an issue. Discussion followed.
c. The Library will have a display set up in April and May from the Oklahoma Museum Association - "First Americans, First Oklahomans".

Dawe - No comments.

Harrison - No comments.

Ferrell -

a. We have a New Music Festival 2001 going on this week. Distributed the program brochure for the event and talked about the events being held on March 20-22.

b. School of Liberal Arts is putting on a Grant Workshop on Friday, March 23. Distributed a flyer and discussed the workshop.

Adjourned 12:04 p.m.