Council of Deans

Unapproved Minutes

January 15, 2001

Members:

McKellips
Atwater
Burgess
Dawe
Goode
Harrison
Neale
O'Keeffe
Soelle
Young

Also Present:

Dr. Don Sullivan, Vice President for University Advancement

1. McKellips distributed a list of proposed on-line courses. This list is the information McKellips has received so far for on-line courses that are proposed for development. He wanted to make it clear that there is a differing status among those courses. Some are courses that we will not have ready until next spring. There is one that will not be ready until a year from next fall but there are a number that they feel will be ready in the fall. The list is incomplete. There are not any for Business and McKellips knows that Business has quite a bit of interest in developing these courses. When McKellips gets a list from the School of Business he will update the list and redistribute it. Burgess stated that the information from the School of Business will be sent to the Provost today.

a. Several changes in the list were requested as follows:

(1) Soelle stated that PHIL 2213 should be Introduction to Philosophy instead of Logic.

(2) O'Keeffe stated that the developer for the General Biology course should be Bricker.
b. McKellips stated that when the input from the School of Business is received, Karen Hardin and Wade Harrison will try to sit down and look at this in more detail. They will look at what we will have ready for fall and we will concentrate our financial resources on getting the one particular program ready. We are going to make sure we have a clear-cut goal in mind for what we want to get done next fall and if we run into obstacles then we can shift everything to that purpose. Question was asked for the A.S. degree do you have to have one concentration or two. Reply was that for the Interdisciplinary Studies, you have to have two. Discussion followed.

c. McKellips stated that we need to wrap this up very quickly to the extent that Karen Hardin needs to get her part organized and start having the training and move it ahead and McKellips needs to start identifying resources for it.

2. NCA Visit:

a. McKellips stated that the list he has distributed is the list of meetings on February 5 and 6 with the NCA team. He submitted this by e-mail to Dr. Rydel last Friday and has not received any response from her. At her request, we are going to have a working lunch each day, which has necessitated moving several meetings around to accommodate her request. Discussion followed.

b. McKellips stated that he received a call last Friday from Harold Robinson about the resource room. He said he probably could not get the upstairs room ready. McKellips should know something final sometime today.

c. With respect to the facilitator charges that were distributed at the meeting of the Steering Committee last week, Atwater asked if McKellips was going to send those charges to the facilitators. Reply was that he will send them a memo. Question was asked if the facilitators are supposed to attend the meetings they arrange or just get the meetings together, because previously McKellips had said no supervisors were to attend. McKellips replied that he needs to look that over. That issue is complicated. He will add an explanation to the facilitator charges when he sends it out to them. Short discussion followed.

3. McKellips asked if everyone had a chance to look at the e-mail on the discussions with Bill Graves. There are lot of things beyond developing on-line courses, that are necessary to make an on-line program operate and some of them McKellips doesn't know if we have the expertise to get everything done. Eduprise provides all levels of service that we may want to purchase from them. If we can afford it, McKellips would like to have them look over what we are doing and tell us where we have holes. They seem to be willing to sell whatever services we want. They will even do the courses for us, however McKellips is uncomfortable with that but that is the way a lot of schools are going. Short discussion followed.

4. Don Sullivan has asked for some time to discuss the topic of research.

a. Sullivan began his presentation by stating that the last two years, Cameron University has done an outstanding job of taking research at Cameron to the regional Research Day held at UCO. Year before last Cameron took 41 presentations and this past year we had 25 and we have received good reviews. There is an initiative coming out of the Smart Economy Task Force which is led by Cameron, to try to pull together the research that is going on in our Southwest Oklahoma community. What we have is a community of people who are interested in advancing research who need to come here together to see what we can offer. The Advanced Technology Association was
approached and as a result of that, we are going to identify several people in the community, not just from Cameron, but people in Southwest Oklahoma that are doing research. We are going to sponsor the first ever research roundtable. There will be people from Fort Sill, Duncan, Frederick, etc. Sullivan distributed a tentative draft copy of the brochure, "Celebration of Research." Short discussion followed.

5. McKellips stated that as mentioned in a previous meeting, the old nursing area in Nance Boyer is under renovation and there have been several disasters in the past few months that have affected classrooms where we have had to reposition the classes that were in those rooms. In addition to all those relocations, we have had an unusual number of requests for moves to relocate classes. Since the beginning of the spring semester, we have made 75 changes, 47 of which were for miscellaneous reasons, some of which seemed to be frivolous, i.e., professors just didn't like the rooms where they were, etc. McKellips asked the deans to try to assist him in holding the changes down if they can. Also, last week there were several students who were trying to find where their class had been moved to. When a class has been moved, the secretary of that department should put up a sign to tell students where the class has been moved to. Someone mentioned that students have a hard time finding Nance Boyer West. That building only has the OU Nursing sign. McKellips replied that we have always had problems with signage. Short discussion followed.

Adjourned 11:39 a.m.