Council of Deans
Unapproved Minutes
April 7, 2003

Members:

McKellips
Buckley
Burgess
Dawe
Goode
Neale (Absent)
Soelle (Absent)
Young (Represented by Barbara Pickthorn)

1. McKellips distributed two documents relative to two cooperative agreements between that Rogers State University has with two technology centers.

   a. McKellips said that in a Council of Deans meeting several weeks ago he mentioned that the President has indicated she would like to see the deans take the lead in trying to develop cooperative agreements with area career-tech schools. When Dr. Reasor was here she told McKellips she would send him a couple of the agreements they had done at Rogers State. These are the samples the deans can have to look at. These can be used as models. McKellips will make a copy of the State Regents policy on cooperative agreements and send to deans. The aim is to identify programs in the career tech schools where the program itself can comprise a component in a program at Cameron. That component will be evaluated for what credit should be given and then an agreement is signed with the school indicating how that component will fit into, ordinarily, an associate degree at the institution making the agreement. There have been a lot or these agreements around the state in electronics. Cameron has one in respiratory therapy and one in manufacturing technology. There are probably some others around the state in the allied health area.

   b. McKellips stated last week he had been asked by the State Regents staff to go over to USPSNCEC which is United States Postal Service National Center for Employee Development, which is a very large operation on the southeast edge of Norman. They handle about 50,000 students a year. Their courses are all one week, two, weeks, or three weeks. They are very much like career tech courses in both format and content. They have a surprising range of courses. They are wanting to get their courses evaluated for credit by some college and worked into components of an associate degree. McKellips developed a tentative proposal and sent it to the State Regents staff to look over. Lengthy discussion followed.

2. McKellips said there will be a press release today that has to do with safe areas on campus in case of a tornado. Physical facilities people and some others have gone through every building and identified the safest area in the building to go to in case of a tornado. That press release is going to give a web site where a person can find out where the safe areas are in each building.
McKellips encourages each dean to get their faculty members and all people in their buildings that are responsible for groups of people to look at that web site because it will be their responsibility in the event of a tornado to lead their students from the classroom to that safe area. Every employee really needs to be aware of where the designated safe area is. Discussion followed.

3. McKellips told Dawe that he had read the e-mail regarding on-line fees but he doesn’t know what can be done about it at this point. Dawe stated that he does not see it as an issue right now and it won’t be an issue until the transition date because all of the on-line courses that we are offering that contribute toward the MBA program are going through OU with the 60/40 split. Burgess stated that it is really complicated. The concern is that as soon as the transition date occurs the Marine Corps students are going to become aware they can be taking MBA courses on-line directly through Cameron cheaper and then it will lead students off that Marine Corps contract. Burgess stated that they are really concerned about where we get to and what is going to happen, particularly in California. They could enroll directly with Cameron and take these courses but then we have a contract that says they are supposed to go through OU. Of course if they enroll directly with Cameron it will be cheaper. We will be faced with either saying come directly with us or no, we have a contract with folks at that base. That will not set well with OU and may destroy the Marine contract. After the very lengthy discussion that followed McKellips said the President clearly needs to get involved in this discussion.

COMMENTS:

D. Goode - No comments.

Buckley - Buckley asked if Dr. Harrison is still handling the interdisciplinary degree programs. McKellips replied that yes, Harrison is handling that for the time being. They have not really decided yet but McKellips has a proposal that is being considered. McKellips stated the mechanics of that advisement have been handled by people who are still going to be down in that area. If a system can be set up whereby when they encounter things they are not really equipped to make judgments about, we could shift that off to an academic person. He would like the deans to see the advisement system they have set up down there. It is one that boils really sound academic advisement down to a fairly straight forward routine that most people can manage. The big issue is getting them into the program in the first place, evaluating previous course work and getting it to fit in the right way. Once that is done it can be handled. Harrison is still involved with the interdisciplinary program until school is out.

Pickthorn (Representing Dr. Young) - No comments.

Dawe - One issue he has is that they had two more undergraduate students today that were in graduate courses. It has just started this semester where they had approximately a dozen undergraduate students get into primarily graduate workshops. Sometimes they get into graduate courses without ever being admitted to the Graduate School. Some of them are juniors and they are somehow getting into graduate classes. The problem is with SBI - SBI does not restrict undergraduate students having access to graduate courses. Asked Goode what could be done about
that. Goode replied that they have had a lot of customizations done that dealt with that and some of the customizations have broken and they are looking into them. She will ask and see if anybody knows. Short discussion followed.

Neale (Absent)

Soelle (Absent)

Burgess - No comments.

Adjourned 11:56 a.m.