Deans Council Minutes
October 25, 2019
2:30 PM
Presidents Conference Room, Lee Hall

Members Present: David Shaw, Richard Blackbourn, Angi Bourgeois, Frances Coleman, Terry Dale Cruse, Jim Dunne, Kent Hoblet, Scott Willard (for George Hopper), Mary Ann Jones, Jason Keith, Sharon Oswald, Peter Ryan, Rick Travis
Others Present: Tim Chamblee, John Dickerson, Julie Jordan, Brandon Jolly (for Joan Lucas), Steve Parrott, Nancy Siegert, Susan Seal, Jake Manning, Don Zant
Minutes Taken By: Dinah Jenkins

I. Provost David Shaw called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2019 Deans Council meeting. Richard Blackbourn moved to approve the minutes and Frances Coleman gave the second. The September 5, 2019 minutes were approved with no edits.

II. Italy Partnership discussion – Peter Ryan
   ▪ Working on a consortium agreement with five other SEC schools (UM, UAL, LSU, USC and UTN) to create a study abroad semester long program of 5 classes. American University of Rome who would host a site for the classes for Spring 2021.
   ▪ The 6 schools will help provide students then take their turn to be faculty lead.
   ▪ Students will pay tuition at home institution.
   ▪ Dr. Keenum and Dr. Shaw will be traveling to Rome early November. Dr. Keenum speaking at the main auditorium at FAO with the new Director General of China introducing him.
   ▪ Each university has unique things that make each one attractive.

III. New model for International Program Development – Julie Jordan, Don Zant, David Shaw
   ▪ Update on the renewal of the Universite Internatinal de Rabat agreement.
   ▪ Had simplified things 50% but tier structure did away with that, distribution goes back to Deans office and to simplify distribution to one transfer per year to Don Zant’s office
   ▪ Will be visiting and recruiting again with UIR in February.
   ▪ As these types of partnerships are developed around the globe, this is a good baseline and sets the stage for other kinds of partnerships in other countries.

IV. International Tuition Waivers – Peter Ryan/Julie Jordan
   ▪ Former Provost Gilbert had made effort to increase international enrollment for graduate and undergraduates where he provided 40 waivers for each college to utilize in bringing internationals, however the efficiency of the system has not worked and has not be utilized as well as it should have been.
   ▪ Bryan Farrell will work up a proposal to see how the waivers can be better utilized.
   ▪ Julie Jordan added it may be used as an early entry and entre into developing relationship with other institutions.

V. Update of Task Forces – Peter Ryan
   ▪ Standardized testing for admission to Graduate School.
     ▪ Sharon Oswald stated in the COB they are looking at starting with the certificates and bundling some of the courses and if students make a 3.0 then can be admitted
to the MBA program. They would be admitted to the certificate program, before the graduate program. Classes would be determined.
  o Julie Jordan added international students cannot do traditional entrance.
    ▪ Peter Ryan added most students would be international learners.
  o We are in a competitive marker with adult learners.
  ▪ Bachelor’s of Applied Science Task Force
    o Students are applying and being admitted to the programs.
    o Some programs are restrictive in the number of hours these students can take as upper level hours. Reminder they are getting a BAS with an emphasis in 1, 2 or 3 emphasis area, similar to the C2C degree.
    o Challenge is be sensitive to the acceptance of technical credits that rise to the level.
    o Colleges are providing curricular that can be matched to the Applied Associate degress from the junior colleges.
    o Dr. Shaw stated we want to get the umbrella for the generic BAS up for students to be able to be enrolled January 1, but that is different than the concentrations. Will take time for the concentration areas to be address correctly.
  ▪ Peter Ryan is working with Graduate Council
  ▪ John Dickerson working with Recruiting Task Force
  ▪ Regina Hyatt working with Student Success.
  ▪ John Dickerson is chairing the Non-Traditional Course Offerings with Summer School, Intercession and half semesters to accommodate the needs of our students.
  ▪ Mary Ann Jones chairing the Clinical/Instructional Faculty.
  ▪ Jeff Dean is chairing the Student Evaluation of Teaching.
  ▪ Jim Dunne is chairing the Overall Evaluation Performance Evaluation that fits the needs of faculty across the university as situations in the past warrents this being addressed.

VI. Approval of AOP’s – Peter Ryan

1) **AOP 13.22: Guidelines for Adjunct Faculty, Visiting Faculty, Visiting Scholars and Visiting Executive Appointments**
   Peter Ryan proposed a motion to approve and Richard Blackbourn gave the second.
   The motion passed with none opposed.

Dismissed at 2:40 PM