

ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES

March 4, 2008

ENMU-Ruidoso – Room 112

3:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Larry Blank, Holly Braden, Sarah Crewe, Bruce DeFoor, Ray Fleischmann, Dinah Hamilton, Jack McCaw, John McCullough, Cynthia Orozco, Chad Smith, and Anne Twite.

MEMBERS ABSENT

GUESTS PRESENT

Jim Pawlak

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Department Reports
 - Dinah Hamilton – Her department staff have been meeting and emailing to share teaching strategies, etc.
 - Ray Fleischmann – His department staff have been focusing on the use of technology in the classroom.
 - Jack McCaw – Has brought in professionals to present to his students and has been working on connecting them to real life topics.
 - Bruce DeFoor – Has been working on coordinating art, music, and theater classes. Planning student and faculty art exhibits. Also working on 3-D student exhibits.
 - Cynthia Orozco – Is working on making adjustments in student loads. She is scheduling the use of more web resources and will be using only one book in the fall.
 - Anne Twite – Is working on retention of online students and is asking for input.
 - John McCullough – His web page is complete and his goal is to get other faculty to complete theirs. The Wines of the World class will be held in the summer.
 - Sarah Crewe – Her goal is to offer different classes to meet the needs of the varied interests in the community. She also wants to offer classes that give people skills, i.e., certification to be a fitness or yoga instructor.
 - Larry Blank – Has been working on building student/instructor relationships. His students will be building benches for the art department.
 - Jim Pawlak – Jim handed out a periodicals list and asked the faculty to prioritize a list of subscriptions they would like the library to carry.
- Committee Reports
 - Assessment – the NMHEAR conference was held in Albuquerque on February 28-29. Chad, Holly, Dinah, Ray, Cynthia and Juanita attended. Dr. Ray said an accumulation of data from that conference will be forthcoming shortly. The committee will have to report to the HED on September 30.
- Early College Program – Chad explained the difference between early college and dual enrollment. Early College provisional admission allowing high school students to take college level coursework. The students will not receive high school credit for courses they successfully complete at ENMU-Ruidoso and are responsible for payment of tuition and books. Dual Credit allows high school students to enroll in college-level course and simultaneously earn credit toward high school graduation and a post-secondary degree or

certificate. Scholarships cover the cost of tuition and beginning 7/1/2008 the school districts will pay for the textbooks.

- Online Instructor Training – Training begins on Monday, March 10 and all instructors desiring to teach online must complete it.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Fulltime Instructors' Office Hours – Cynthia handed out survey results and discussion was held concerning the reasons the number of required hours needed to be revisited. Cynthia and Bruce will compile the data and email the information to council members in order to make a recommendation to Dr. Elrod.
2. Instructor Survey – Chad revisited the Instructor's Survey presented at the last council meeting to specifically look at questions #2 through 4.
 - #2 – Do you wish to become more actively involved in campus planning activities? After much discussion it was decided that committees seeking part-time faculty participation email Chad and include a committee description and mission.
 - #3 – Is there appropriate academic support? – No action to be taken concerning the results to this question.
 - #4 – Do the educational environment, administration and staff communicate respect and support? - No action to be taken concerning the results to this question.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2008, at 3:30 p.m., Room 112

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted for approval by:

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