

ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES

October 9, 2008

Board Conference Room

3:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

GUESTS PRESENT

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Department Reports
 - Sarah – HPE142: Fundamentals of Physical Well-Being is complete. A Zoomba class is a go for Fall II.
 - Larry – He met with the Executive Board of the Lincoln Home Builders Association and requested they encourage people to enroll in the Career Tech program. He also met with John Shendo at Mescalero to request his help to promote the program. Ten students from Gavilan Canyon School will be visiting next week.
 - Anne – She met with Ellen Gardner from Portales and Pam Patterson from Roswell to receive a general overview of Blackboard Vista, which is the teaching platform we'll be following next fall. Blackboard is very much like WebCT. Banner will be connected to Blackboard. On Tuesday and Wednesday, she attended an online conference. The last WebCT training will be held next week.
 - Holly – Payment through TRIO is not working very well, so she and Juanita are researching other options. She is seeking a second tutor. Congratulations go to two students who have been hired as “Stringers” to write sporting event stories for the Roswell paper.
 - Cynthia – Classes are going well. Next semester the History of Ft. Stanton will be offered as a service learning class. Jennifer Byers will again be teaching a Native American and Humanities class. Cynthia submitted a proposal for a panel at the New Mexico Historical Society to be held in Santa Fe next year.
 - Ray – Harley Lichtenwaller and _____ are tutoring math students. Ray is adding more sections of math for the spring semester. Jim Wood will be a new adjunct instructor in the spring.
 - John – He is working on a list of possible classes with hot topics, i.e., personal investing and business ethics. He requested everyone's input topics they feel pertinent to the current financial situation. John has been researching a 403B plan available through the Portales campus. He and Sarah Crewe will be available to help simplify the details of the plan once the information is received.
 - Steve – He is working on a new degree in gaming. Several faculty have completed their websites. Steve will be making a presentation to the Youth Warehouse. Steve has created a Work Request for tracking service requests and problems. Requests should go to Steve with a copy to Tug. COWs are scheduled to be on campus on October 15.

- Jack – Science and Natural Resources had a rough start due to back ordered supplies and lack of equipment. Astronomy has proved to be too difficult for many students. Twenty-eight of the original fifty-two have dropped out. Chad recommended all pre-requisites be carefully checked for the next catalog.
- Dinah – She is utilizing a booklet on critical thinking. PSY faculty are guest lecturing in each other's classes. Dinah questioned when mid-term grades are due. The correct date is October 15 not the 17th.
- Bruce – A Steering Arts Committee has been formed that consists of Paul Adamian, Charles Centilli, Dan Hood, and Ed Spurr. The mural painting students are working on a wall at the Timbers Mall. Classes are large and going well. The Art Committee has been hanging art around campus.
- Dawnn – The new HRTM advisory board met last week with six in attendance. She will be doing a direct mail out to all the restaurants in town. She also has been working with her counterpart at Portales, Chris Taylor.
- Chad –Harley Lichtenwalter has been hired to staff the faculty receptionist area part-time and Student Services. Chad will email her hours to the faculty.

ACTION ITEMS

- September 16th Minutes – Several changes to the minutes were requested. The Rosetta Stone will be purchased for French and Spanish. Anne attended Blackboard training at Region IX. Dinah Hamilton moved to accept the minutes with changes. _____ seconded. Minutes were approved with changes.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2008, at 3:30 p.m., Board Conference Room.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted for approval by:
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