

TWU Undergraduate Council

February 23rd, 2009

Minutes

Guests: Dr. Kay Clayton, Provost ; Dr. Ann Staton, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
John Cissik, Director of Fitness and Recreation

Members present

Ronald Fannin	Dr. Karen Dunlap	Dr. Stoerm Anderson
Dr. David Rylander	Kendyll Castles	Dr. Allen Waldo
Dr. AnaLouise Keating	Dr. Don Edwards	Bobbie Ferrell
Dr. Guy Litton	Pat Devereaux	Joni Jensen
Dr. Terre Senne	Dr. Lybeth Hodges	Dr. Gloria Byrd

Ex Officio Members Present

Dr. Judith Bean	Dr. Heather Speed	Laura Rocchio
Dr. Lynda Murphy		

Members Not Present

Jordan Fuchs	Dr. Penelope Hanstein	Dr. Pat Holden-Huchton
Sally Lambert	Dr. Peggy Landrum	Dr. Kay Marsh
Dr. Mahmoud Sadri	Dr. Richard Sheardy	Dr. Roger Shipley
Dr. Kim Wilson-Booker	Annastagia Zachary	

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by Dr. David Rylander, Chair.
2. January 25th, 2009 minutes were accepted by acclamation
3. Dr. Kay Clayton spoke about teaching lower division undergraduate courses, emphasizing:
 - Need to have more tenure-track faculty teaching lower division classes for state accountability measures
 - Ways to achieve efficiency
 - Raise CAPS (class size) student/teacher ratio
 - Room size – maximize large classrooms

- Reduce number of adjuncts
 - Combine sections to reduce number of sections
4. John Cissik presentation : Service Learning collaboration with Student Life
- Service Learning supports retention – opportunity for research/grant funding
 - Student Life staff are available to assist faculty in making connections with the community for service learning opportunities. Faculty should contact John for additional information.

Committee Reports

1. Assessment

- a. Dr. Edwards presented the results of the Math CAAP testing done in Fall 2008 on behalf of Dr. Kominski; a report of results was distributed. In College Algebra, TWU students are below the national average: TWU students had an average of 24% of items correct in contrast to the national average of 31%. For trigonometry, TWU students had an average of 20% correct in contrast to the national average of 26% correct.

2. Retention Committee

- a. No report presented

3. Course Review Committee

- a. History 3223 Social Studies was approved for Global Perspectives.

4. Program Review Committee

- a. Three committees and chairs have been selected and received instructions for completing the reviews of programs in Family Sciences, School of Management, and Nutrition and Food Sciences.

5. NSSE Response Committee

- a. A meeting is scheduled and will report at the next meeting.

6. Critical Thinking Implementation Committee

- a. Need volunteers
- b. Dr. Ann Heustis is researching how critical thinking is being taught at other institutions – will provide a report soon.

7. No new business to discuss or questions were raised.

8. Meeting dismissed at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Undergraduate Council Committee Liaison: Dr. Traci Petteway