

Academic Affairs Council
Meeting Summary – April 7, 2009
Boardrooms

Present:

Ann Adams, Scott Anselm, Bridgid Backus, Joseph Bailey, Rod Carter, Margarita Casas, Sarah Chaney, Dodi Coreson, Darci Dance, Jeff Davis, Pamela Dunn, Richard Gibbs, Denis Green, Paul Hagood, Alan Heywood, Beth Hogeland, Angie Klampe, Kathy Knecht-Miner, Wendy Krislen-Adams, Dan Lara, Janet Lodge, Karin Magnuson, Faye Melius, Terrence Millet, Sally Moore, Nancy Noe, Audrey Perkins, Sharon Rodecap, Gary Ruppert, Carol Schaafsma, Ron Sharman, Linda Spain, Alice Sperling, Karelia Stetz-Water, Christy Stevens, Jenny Strooband, John Sweet, Paul Tannahill, Gary Westford, Diana Wheat, and Jerry Wille

Absent:

John Aikman, Jim Bell, Sheri Billetter, Russ Burchard, Perry Carmichael, Patsy Chester, Bruce Clemetsen, Lynne Cox, Fred Haynes, Jim Huckestein, Kristen Jones, Sharon Ketchum, David Ketler, Jan Konzack, Phil Krolick/Bryan Schiedler, Cathy Lovingier, Ann Malosh, Dawn McNannay, John Niedermann, Steve Pearson, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Smithburg, Bill Thallemer, and Jerri Wolfe

Welcome:

Richard Gibbs welcomed everyone.

Campus Construction Update:

Work is progressing on walls and ceilings. Please be aware and plan ahead if need to reschedule a room. Kevin Lacey will arrange furniture moves as needed. Computer lab classrooms won't be done until summer term.

STS Requirement:

Curricular Issues has agreed to suspend the STS requirement for one year (2009-10) to give the group time to evaluate the requirement. There will be broad discussion about the issue over the course of the year. Advisors may substitute courses as needed to maintain 90 credits for graduation. There are STS classes being offered this term and next. Note that this change is not reflected in the 2009-10 catalog.

Finals Week Break Discussion:

At a previous meeting, chairs were charged with taking the topic to departments for discussion. Members indicated that preliminary feedback is positive for the proposal of adding a one-hour lunch break to Wednesday finals schedule.

Moodle Demonstration and Discussion:

Paul Hagood and Paul Tannahill gave a demonstration and Q/A session. There are numerous Moodle sites online for tutorials to begin learning the software.

Ann Adams explained that the college is in the process of selecting a Moodle hosting service. Also hope to hire someone part-time to convert Blackboard courses to Moodle, and there will be trainings provided. 2009-10 will use Moodle and Blackboard. 2010-11 will be on Moodle only. New course development should occur only on Moodle. A nice benefit of Moodle is that students can be enrolled in a course directly from Banner.

Finalization & Wrap Up:

The Chinese delegation will be visiting our April 21 meeting. They are looking at the concept of community colleges and coming to observe.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Notes taken by Janet Lodge