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Council of Chairs
December 2, 2010
115 Southern Hall

Minutes

Attendance: A. Branton, C. Campbell, C. Dixon, D. Duhon, K. Hughes, L. Flynn, L. Fonder-Solano, J. McGuire, M. Miles, J. Norton, T. O'Brien, W. Powell, K. Reidenbach, K. Yadrick, K. Nugent, J. Zhang

- 1.0 Call to Order: 12:15 PM
- 2.0 Guest: Dr. Martha Saunders, president

Dr. Saunders began her presentation with a budget review and reality check on the reasons for our current situation: Katrina and the loss of 1500 students; no USM personnel were let go; and the USM bank account was significantly diminished. Also contributing to it is an over projection of enrollment, and over budget projections which reduced reserves significantly with only 600K remaining. Quality, visibility and efficiency are the operative words for 2011. Other topics addressed were student graduation rates, faculty performance and funding for the future. The president expressed that it is her responsibility to move forward and define where we want to be by 2015.

Some ideas mentioned to provide support toward student success included summer school remedial courses and provisional student admissions, and the need to address the challenges unique in serving non-traditional students. Other issues of concern are faculty salaries and the desire for greater input from departments in distribution of scholarships.

- 3.0 Approval of agenda: Approved
- 4.0 Approval of minutes: Approved
- 5.0 Committee reports from CoC representatives
 - 5.1 Provost Council—Chris Campbell (no meeting; no report)
 - 5.2 Chair Development Committee—Kathy Yadrick reporting.
Announced two programs in January and February:
H.E.R.O. Training (Help, Empower, Orient and Refer) – 1/6&7/2011, 1/11&12/2011
Plagiarism – 2/4/2011
Executive Seminar: Prevention, Deterrence, and Response to Campus
Emergencies – 2/9/2011
 - 5.3 Faculty Handbook Committee—Michael Miles reporting.
No report.
 - 5.4 Strategic Enrollment & Planning Council—Chris Campbell reporting.
No meeting and no report.
 - 5.5 Space Utilization and Allocation Review Committee—Kathy Yadrick reporting.
No report.

6.0 Old Business

6.1 Chair listserv. C. Campbell accepted responsibility for moderating the CoC listserv. This will become part of the chair's duties.

7.0 New Business

7.1 CoC web page; Campus Hub: C. Campbell and A. Branton will meet with K. Reidenbach and Greg Goff for training in use of Campus Hub. The responsibility for maintenance of Campus Hub for CoC is assumed by the secretary.

8.0 Announcements/Reminders

8.1 Next meeting: January 13, 2011.

9.0 Adjourn: 2:00