

Briefs from the December 12, 2016 Meeting of the College Council

Hot Topics

- In response to last month's Hot Topic of computer servers running slowly, Humberto Espino reported that Information Systems is monitoring the situation and plans to increase bandwidth on the network.
- Chuck Bohleke reported that he is going to bring the issue of course/lab fees for online courses to business services for review.

Operational Assembly

Quincy Martin, Chairperson of the Operational Assembly, reported that the group continues to work on its
purpose statement and goals and he expects to bring an update next month. The group also received
presentations about Multiple Measures and the FY 16 Graduate Success Report, and has begun preliminary
work on the campus-wide email recommendation.

Academic Senate

 Academic Senate Chairperson Michael Flaherty indicated that Senate meets tomorrow. Along with the usual committee reports, TADEC will be asking Senate to endorse the idea of Triton developing its own ION training for online instructors.

Old Business

• Shared Governance Subgroup Recommendation – Pamela Perry reported that the subgroup met to discuss feedback it received from College Council. Their recommendations one and three remain the same, but recommendation two regarding elected membership for employee group representatives, has been clarified. Council discussed the faculty representation and balance of Arts & Sciences and Other as it relates to the Academic Senate Chair, and Ms. Perry will work on refining that piece. Also, President Moore will review the chart of representatives and terms.

College Council approved recommendation 1) Revision of College Council's Purpose Statement to read:

The College Council is an advisory body to the President that provides multiple viewpoints on college-wide initiatives, including strategic planning, accreditation, and student success. As the College's central shared governance committee, Council members facilitate communication on institution matters across its represented employee groups,

and recommendation 3) add a Student Success Representative to Council.

Communication Subgroup Blackboard Presentation – Kevin Kennedy demonstrated the Blackboard shell
created for College Council, showing how it could be used by College Council members as an internal tool for
announcements, discussions, calendaring, and posting/storing all relevant materials. The group
recommended that College Council try using Blackboard for a semester, instead of using email. Council
discussed pros and cons of moving to Blackboard and decided to pilot its use for spring 2017 semester.