Natural Sciences Chairs Council

December 19, 2018

1:00pm – 3:00pm, BI-104

In Attendance: S. Pantula, S. McGill, P. Dixon, S. McMurran, B. Haddock, K. Cousins, H. Qiao, M. Chao, T. Valencia, C. Davis, M. Schultz, D. Rinebolt

1. **Informational Items**:
   1. Announcements by chairs

* Dr. Chao reported that the biology department has completed the telephone interview process and now have a list of candidates they will invite to campus.
* Dr. Davis reported that the health science department has interviews scheduled for January 4th.
* Dr. Haddock reported that the kinesiology department has completed their phone interviews will hold on campus interviews in January/February timeframe.
* Dr. McMurran reported that the math department has scheduled interviews with candidates in January.
* Dr. Qiao reported that one of the computer science labs had water damage since our last meeting. She also announced they have started the process of hiring student tutors.
* Dr. Schultz announced that the nursing department has 7 viable candidates for their faculty positions and the interviews have started. She also announced that three of the faculty (Debra Tweedy, Danuta Wojnar and Anne Lama) received the ACUE Course in Effective Teaching Practice faculty development funding. Dr. Schultz also spoke of the All of Us grant that the nursing department recently received and the event to be held January 16th in the SMSU promoting the new federal initiative known as *All of Us.*
  1. Announcements from administration
* Dr. Pantula asked about the grant information that he recently sent to the department chairs. He wanted to know if there was any interest in applying for this grant. Dr. McMurran noted that faculty are overwhelmed right now with Q2S and with the short turnaround time for this particular grant there would not be much interest.
* Dr. Pantula distributed handouts to the chairs detailing 2 possible models to be used to determine the part-time faculty budget for this year. Model #1 is based on SFR and model #2 is based on WTUs. Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of each model. Dr. Pantula asked the chairs to seriously consider ideas for determining the distribution of the funds for part-time faculty salaries.