Natural Sciences Chairs Council

September 27, 2017

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, BI-107

In Attendance: P. Williams, P. Dixon, M. Chao, D. Smith, C. Stanton, B. Haddock, T. Burch, D. Maynard, S. McGill, L. Davidson-Boyd, D. Tamalis, H. Qiao, K. Cousins, R. Smith, D. Rinebolt

1. Approval of minutes for August 16, 2017

* Approved as distributed

1. OSR Presentation by Dr. Francisca Beer

* Dr. Beer presented an overview of what has been done for our college. The number of faculty and students served has increased as well as the number of programs and services offered.

1. Informational Items:
2. Announcements by Chairs

* Dr. Dixon reported that physics and chemistry are preparing to submit a PREM grant application.
* Dr. Davidson-Boyd reported on the campus preview day that will be held in October 21st. She suggested that a representative from each department could meet with the students to discuss the career possibilities their degree would offer. She requested input from faculty on the event and any involvement they would like to have.
* Dr. Burch announced that the Board of Nursing visit was scheduled October 23 through 25.
* Dr. Maynard reported on the PAES event that was held September 23rd.

1. Announcements from administration

* Dr. McGill gave an overview of upcoming events
  + Dr. Naticchia’s Three Models of Shared Governance -today
  + Collegiality Forum – October 16th
  + Homecoming – October 21st
* Reminded chairs that roadmaps for quarter classes (with quarters offered) are due Oct. 15, and that road maps for semester classes are due 3 months after semester curriculum is submitted.
* Reported on the CSUS Engineering Deans’ Meeting she attended September 22nd at CSU Fullerton. She shared that one of the deans at the meeting had suggested that when posting hiring ads you should place the diversity statement at the beginning of the announcement. This encourages applicants.

1. Discussion Items:
   1. Q2S update (Doug Smith)
   * Reminded chairs that track 1 is due October 31.
   * GE courses are due November 30th.
   * Assessment Plans are due when you submit your class curriculum.
   * Q2S meeting for CNS will be next Wednesday, October 4th at 1 p.m. Any faculty member interested in GE classes are also invited to attend.
   * Dr. Stanton asked what is to be done about courses that are needed for one discipline in one due date that are not due until a later due date. Dr. Smith replied that he believes there is a numerical placeholder that can be used.
   1. Scheduling update (Sally McGill)
   * The college is currently at 104% of target.
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   1. DFWI rates
   * A list of classes with DFWI rates above 25% was given to the chairs. Dr. McGill reported that last year the college had 17 DFWI courses and this year we have 24 DFWI courses. She asked chairs what they believe may be contributing factors. She said if they believed the high DFWI is justified to please explain. Dr. Cousins pointed out that part of the problem is the high number of students being admitted and the large class sizes that result from that.
   1. College Goals

* Priorities are due soon.
* Chairs reviewed handout provided by Dr. McGill and made suggestions

1. Other:

* Next meeting October 11th