

President's Advisory Council December 6, 2012

Present: Dr. Jeremy McMillen, Brent Archer, Giles Brown, Paula Cavender, Jan Crumpton, Steve Davis, Brandy Fair, Jeanie Hardin, Gary Hensler, Danny Hyatt, Donna King, Andy MacPherson, Barbara Malone, Jake McBee, Gary Paikowski, Marilyn Power, Roy Renfro, Debbie Smarr, Tony Stanzo, Kim Teel, Casey Ticknor

Student Services Reorganization

Dr. McMillen announced that as of December 5, Marc Payne was no longer associated with Grayson College, and he presented an overview of a new reporting structure of Student Services departments in the interim. Reorganization scenarios will also be discussed with the Communications Council on Friday for their input.

Cookie Exchange

Jan Crumpton invited everyone to participate in the CWL Cookie Exchange next week.

Texas Workforce Commission Conference Updates

Jan Crumpton brought the 83rd Legislature College Credit for Heroes Report back from the annual Texas Workforce Commission Conference (Nov. 28–30). Another round of funding will be available for colleges to participate in accelerated course development in addition to the Allied Health courses created this past year. Jan also shared the specific info regarding Skills for Veterans Initiative Grant. A business must apply for the grant. The college provides the training or courses and is awarded a lump sum of money as a draw down begins. The grant is only for new hires post 9-11 with \$1450.00 being awarded per veteran per year.

SSBTN Report

Jeanie Hardin shared information from the latest Student Success by the Numbers consultants' visit and announced that Dr. Cooper will be returning to campus in February.

Institutional Research Info on Class Loads

Debbie Smarr shared enrollment and class load data that can be used for scheduling purposes. They will be looking at this data to determine where we might be able to add sections, consolidate, etc. for us to have a positive impact on spring enrollment and then as we begin to look at the summer and fall schedules we will use this data to help maximize our enrollment to meet student demand.

THECB Scaling and Sustaining Success Grant for Development Education Initiatives

Janis Thompson gave an overview of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board grant entitled Scaling and Sustaining Success. This grant had very little preparation time as the bidders webinar was conducted on November 14 and the due date was Dec.4th. The grant seemed to be most appropriate for Grayson College as it was focused on existing models that were being evaluated to improve outcomes for developmental education students. With the first full year of implementation of the QEP pilot projects in mathematics developmental education (including initiatives relating to a dedicated math lab, accelerated course requirements, increasing student ownership of the educational process and reducing math anxiety), funding would be most beneficial to support data collection and interpretation efforts, to incorporate early alert warning systems regarding students demonstrating at risk behaviors, and increasing preparedness of educators. These are existing goals of the colleges' QEP that could be supported with up to \$300,000 for a period of two years. Janis requested the support of those present to encourage faculty and staff to provide specific information to support these efforts and to offer estimates of cost to be included in the grant.

NEXT MEETING – 8:30 a.m. January 16, 2013 (Tentative)