

Academic Affairs Leadership Team
Thursday, May 19, 2011

I. CHECK – IN

a) Agenda

- Early Alert – Dawna Perez
- Core Academic Skills – Bill
- Academic Standing – Grace
- Summer Work for Coordinators – Grace
- Strategic Plan – Lane
- FY12 Budget – Lane
- IHealth@NECC - Jackie

II. ACTION ITEMS

a) Early Alert – Dawna Perez

Dawna provided the group with handouts of a proposal to assist students at risk. She asked the group for feedback on her proposal.

ACTION(S): Grace will attend a meeting to discuss with Dawna. Dawna will work with the Deans to discuss the proposal at division meetings.

b) Core Academic Skills - Bill

Bill's committee has agreed to five core academic skills and Bill let the group know that most models that he has researched focus on the liberal arts area. The committee is recommending that students who will be receiving an associate's degree are required to take a course in each of core academic skills areas.

Bill provided the group with applications that contained requirements for making a course intensive. Bill also asked the group to assist with the application process in their areas.

Bill also recommended a committee to oversee the intensive course process. The Academic Affairs Committee will approve each course as it goes through the process. The first area to go through this process will be the Behavioral Sciences area. The implementation date for the process will be Fall 2013.

The Deans felt that some of the challenges to this new process are getting DCE faculty to be engaged, the academic freedom issue, and attitudes about faculty not wanting to be a part of this process. On the other hand, the group felt that there were some positives to this process such as initiating workshops to explain the process and how to succeed in it, mapping programs, and promoting this concept to students.

ACTION(S): Lane will send an invitation asking for volunteers to be on this committee.

c) Academic Standing - Grace

Grace informed the group that she had taken the revised Academic Standing policy to the Academic Affairs Committee for approval. The policy was approved for implementation in Fall 2012.

The policy effectively enforces the rules set for students on academic probation and the faculty will now be required to approve with a signature, what students will do to meet the standards of academic probation. Janice asked about ESL students. Grace noted that ESL students will be sent to Grace for action.

d) Summer Coordinator hours – Grace

Grace informed the group that she has funding for coordinators to perform summer work as needed.

ACTION(S): The group will send names of coordinators who wish to work in the summer to Grace for processing.

e) New Strategic Plan – Lane

Jeanie Cockell will be working with the All College Assembly Executive Committee, members of the Cabinet, and other faculty and staff on the new college Strategic Plan later this year.

f) FY12 Budget – Lane

Lane met with David Hartleb and David Gingerella regarding the FY12 budget. Lane informed the group that at this point, what was requested by the divisions is what will be provided for in the budget.

g) IHealth@NECC – Jackie

Jackie informed the group of her progress with the new Healthcare Initiative, I Health. She stated that contracts are almost in place and that faculty are being recruited for the first courses that will be offered.

Jackie stated that an orientation session will be held on June 14 and that the program will begin this fall for certificate students.