Briefs from the December 14, 2020 Meeting of the College Council



Operational Assembly: Kurian Tharakunnel provided highlights from the December 7 meeting as follows. Virtual Info Sessions for programs offered under the WEI grant will be held in December. Virtual clinical training for nursing students is one of the items purchased with grant funds related to remote instruction. The Business Office has completed a second round of encumbrances for FY 21. Budget planning for FY 22 is well underway and Budget Presentations will be held the first week in January. The PDC will host a virtual holiday tea on December 16 and will be holding training classes via Blackboard. Technology is working on CRM Advise and Blackboard Ultra functionality for spring.

Academic Senate: Michael Flaherty reported on the Senate subcommittee activities including the following. Academic & Scholastic Standards provided ideas regarding the withdrawal process and received good feedback from faculty. Student Development is looking more deeply into how ERL is working. Academic Support is working with the Student Check-In Survey and CAAS. Campus Quality is reviewing their committee mission. Professional Development is seeking nominations for Outstanding Faculty awards. Assessment held a workshop focusing on ERL's. Online Ed and Technology's revised statement of purpose was approved by Senate and they are working on online credentials for faculty.

Student Success: Shelley Tiwari provided a Guided Pathways update including the following. Program maps are being finalized and going through Curriculum Committee for approval. A new electronic college catalog vendor is being sought to align with program maps. New Student Orientation was redesigned and includes a career coach assessment.

Dean Hilary Meyer discussed the Student Check-In Survey which provides a student view of academics and support services. Highlights of the results include that students largely chose classes based on needing a specific course, are looking for excellent teachers, and most are satisfied with ERL courses. The survey showed that student tech needs are being met, but more communication is needed about what services are available to students. A question about what students are proud of this semester was answered repeatedly that students are proud of making it through this difficult time.

Enrollment Action Plan – Spotlight on Advising and Counseling: VP Jodi Koslow Martin and Deans Andrea Bangura and Denise Jones discussed the new model of Academic Advising and Counseling that better delineates the roles. Academic Advisors provide services including registration, program and career exploration, academic planning, transcript evaluation, course withdrawals, and transfer advising. Counseling will be the hub for holistic wellness, support, and mental health services. It was stressed that services are provided in-person and virtually, and that the priority is to serve every student.