Natural Sciences Chairs Council

May 16th

1:00pm – 3:00pm

In Attendance: M. Chao, K. Cousins, K. Dajani, C. Todd, L. Mian, B. Haddock, M. Jetter, T. Burch, J. Torner, G. Escalante, D. Maynard, D. Rinebolt, S. McGill, S. Pantula, T. Valencia, R. Hernandez

Announcements by Chairs

* Dr. Burch reported the Nursing Department is busy wrapping up end of semester issues.
* Dr. Cousins reported the Chemistry Department’s end of the year events were not well attended. She also mentioned that CLSS and PeopleSoft are not updating.
* Dr. Jetter reported the Mathematics Department is busy with scheduling updates and adding additional sections of classes.
* Dr. Dajani reported the School of Computer Science and Engineering is also adding sections to their classes to accommodate students.
* Dr. Dajani also reported that the School held a *CSE End of the Year Appreciation Day* to honor and celebrate CSE Outstanding Students, Retiring and Retired Professors, Grants Funding, and Faculty Service Recognition.
* Dr. Haddock reported the Kinesiology Department also had an end of the year get together at a 66’ers baseball game. Dr. Haddock also pointed out that he had finished his last department meeting as chair.
* Dr. Todd reported the Geology Department also held an end of the year event for their faculty.
* Dr. Chao reported the ASC position for the Biology Department has posted and they currently have 9 candidates.
* Dr. Torner reported the Physics Department had an end of the year event on May 13th for their graduating students.
* May 15th the Physics Department opened the observatory for a special viewing of the total lunar eclipse that took place.
* Dr. Torner reported that he has been busy working on space issues for faculty.
* Dr. Mian reported the Health Science Department at its last department meeting held a surprise element to it as the faculty celebrated his years of service as department chair and his upcoming retirement.
* Dr. Mian also reported he is busy working with Dr. McGill on scheduling issues.

Announcements by Administration

* Ms. Valencia shared that the supervision spreadsheet went out and she asked chairs to please review it. She also reminded chairs that the year-end deadline for requisitions is rapidly approaching and they should make sure all requests have been submitted.
* Dr. Maynard reported that interviews have been scheduled for the STEM position. He also reported that Jocabed McCormick, has announced that she is leaving and they will now be searching for a new program manager as well as advisors.
* Dr. Maynard reported that our college is at 85% of the number of transfer students as we had last year. The university as a whole is at 80%.
* Dr. Escalante reported that the Science Success Center held an end of the year party at his house this past Friday and he will be hosting an end of the year party for the kinesiology department at his house this coming Friday.
* Mr. Hernandez inquired if any of the chairs had decided to do a short video message for students. He would like to know by the end of the week if they would like to do one and/or need his assistance.
* Mr. Hernandez announced that he is working with Dr. Maynard to do a short video to be shared with all admits for Fall 2022.
* Mr. Hernandez reminded the chairs of the staff retreat which will be held on May 25th.
* Dean Pantula thanked Mr. Hernandez for all the work he has done the past few weeks for the various events that have taken place.
* Dean Pantula announced that the searches for new faculty are completed now. There are 12 new hires for 2022-23.
* Dean Pantula spoke to the chairs about the departments providing information to him for the annual report.
* Dr. McGill reported that tomorrow (the 17th) is the go/no-go decision date for summer classes. She reminded chairs to check their enrollments.
* Dr. McGill reported that the Fall 2022 pack enrollment takes place tomorrow morning. She reminded chairs to check for seats and then on Thursday check the enrollments to see if seats were filled.
* Dr. McGill reported there is a new dashboard available – New Transfer Student Course Plan.
* Dr. McGill reported that the Spring 2023 schedule is now complete and will be available for students on October 10th. We now have a full year’s schedule.
* Dr. McGill spoke to the chairs regarding the strategic plan for faculty professional development. She asked chairs for their thoughts on opportunities that are available for suggestions on what else we could be doing.