Deans Council Meeting

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Meeting opened at 9:00am

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1. SACSCOC-SACSCOC – Kevin Gwaltney:  Danielle Buehrer and Kevin Gwaltney will request to meet with each dean and their leadership team to introduce themselves and their work and are available by phone, email, and in-person to discuss items related to SACSCOC accreditation and University-level policy.  In response to a question about the status of KSU’s SACSCOC accreditation, Kevin stated all relevant information has been submitted over the past year and the SACSCOC Board of Trustees will vote on KSU’s reaffirmation in December.
2. USG Teaching Awards-Michele DiPietro: Passed out the one-page nominations for the USG Awards. There were no nominees for the Momentum Year award. Teaching excellence award is not being discussed as the nominee is forwarded from the KSU Foundation Award process. Nominees were discussed. Deans voted. Results will be released to colleges by their Dean.
3. University Research-Phaedra Corso: Research themes were announced last week. Vertically Integrated Projects (VIP) is a non-profit out of GaTech about solving problems. KSU is joining and having them come speak and provide training. Library and Office of Research are partnering together to fund faculty publication fees. There will be an online form for this selection process. There is one Faculty Learning Community (FLC) per theme. Funds will also be provided for faculty who can provide mentoring to novice researcher. 5-10 awards will be given out over the next year. More funds for undergraduate research will also be available. Also, up to $75,000 will be awarded for interdisciplinary research groups on campus. Look for RFPs in the future. A letter about this awards process will come out next week. Office of Research is building a database that shares research interests and expertise built off the model produced by the RCC in the BCOE. Brainstorming on how to get faculty to engage with such a database ensued. KSURF will change indirect distribution of the 18% to CBO. Testing new models on how to manage post awards. Colleges need to track expenses you spend on research, because OVPR has to do an annual report that aligns with maintaining R2 status. Transferring to Cayuse system for approving grant proposals. PI eligibility guidelines have now been published on OVPR’s website and includes changes for part time faculty who seek grants as PIs. OVPR is working on being current with research operating accounts. Faculty still have questions about intellectual property. If faculty have questions, direct them to OVPR. Ethics week is coming in November, and there will be a heavy focus on research ethics this year with several brown bag training opportunities. Dr. Corso would like to invite Deans to discuss (1) best practices in how indirects and salary savings are used and (2) helping faculty who are research active (is a 3:3 load realistic?).
4. QEP-Lynn Disbrow: The SACSCOC response was directive. CETL is providing training and web resources in undergraduate research support, service learning, undergrad internships. These are already underway and improving communication. A course attribute system in Banner will be employed shortly to indicate courses aligned with high impact practices. We currently do not have any specific targets or deadlines as long as we are moving forward. Deans should encourage faculty to attend CETL trainings.
5. Advising-Lynn Disbrow: Previous meeting regarding advising discussed problem of inconsistency and lack of communication about advising and to advisors. A need to change culture around advising to make it more collaborative and equitable. Piloting a professional level system for advising roles. How advising management happens in colleges is also a point of discussion. There will be a choose your majors fair on both campuses and we would want each college represented at both fairs.
6. EAO Workshop-Ron Matson: An announcement for applications for the EAO workshop in Germany will come from Ron to the Deans shortly. College awards committees will need to select each college’s participant.
7. Women’s Leadership Academy Nominations-Kat Schwaig: Applications are due October 9th. Send those to the email address in the call. 9-10 participants will be selected and a kick-off dinner will take place in November.

Meeting adjourned 11:03am.

\*Please note this was my interpretation of the presentations and discussions that took place, and may not be the intent of the speaker. For questions and clarification, please reach out to the speaker listed.