

## President's Council Meeting Notes – January 13, 2017

**1) Good News** - Several departments communicated highlights, including the following:

- Ellie Kunkel – Southeast Nebraska Teacher Academy (SENTA) started to provide qualified students as substitutes for ESU 4 district. SENTA will help our students qualify for a local substitute license. SENTA met for the first time today. Four students attended and the program should grow. SENTA is more training for our teacher candidates and gives them more time in the schools. Superintendents love the idea.
- Cheryl Reid – Financial Aid and the SOE have worked together to help juniors and seniors qualify for \$4000 for teacher candidates planning to work four out of the first eight years teaching in a teacher shortage area.
- Jesse Dorman – Robert Biggs started as an Academic Skills Specialist.
- Steve Schneider – Marisa Pribnow is a semi-finalist for the Wooden Cup based on her leaderships, athleticism and academics.
- Steve Schneider – Four volleyball players, six football players named Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athletes.
- Greg Seay – More than 120 master's degrees granted in December.

**2) Review of last meeting** – Notes from December 2, 2016 – no changes.

**3) Enrollment** – Dr. Dorman and Dr. Borchers gave an update on enrollment with an emphasis on unregistered students. Holds appear to be a large factor in a failure to register, but are not definitive. Fifty-four students that did not return had no holds. As data accrues, strategies about why and how students enroll are developed.

-Dr. Kunkel asked why more students don't visit their advisor (in reference to advising holds) despite continuous efforts to reach them. Dr. Ryan added that he sees a need for group advising times.

-Dr. Borchers is considering advising tune-up workshops during lunch hours, etc.

-Dr. Galardi suggests larger text messaging efforts over e-mail.

**4) Budget** – VP Carroll explained that the Governor has released preliminary budget changes. The changes match expectations for this year, however the College anticipated no increase for next year. The Governor's planning calls for the College's budget to be restored to (2015-16) by (2020-21). VP Carroll says that we are in a strong position with diversified funding streams.

-Dr. Hanson asked deans and directors to work with budgeting process.

-VP Carroll noted that 2017-2018 will expect approximately \$250K less.

-Steve Schneider ask about recruiting numbers. Cheryl Reid will provide an estimate pending the Board's decision in late spring.

**5) Clery Act Notices and Emergency Alerts** - Dr. Dorman provided documents highlighting the difference between emergency alerts and Clery Act notices.

**6) Updates**

**A. All-Campus Meeting** – Dr. Hanson cited his focus areas for the All-Campus Meeting.

**B. Strategic Planning** – Dr. Hanson reported that the Strategic Planning Committee is identifying top goals and how that translates into what the College wishes to accomplish in

the next five years. The Committee is still addressing top level goals including engagement, partnerships, academic quality, student experience, infrastructure and external relations.

**C. Sesquicentennial Planning** – Dr. Hanson reported that the calendar of events will be distributed at the All-College meeting. Plans highlighted include:

- a. Commencement on May 6
- b. All-College Reunion on June 17 and 18
- c. Charter Day on June 20
- d. Homecoming on October 28
- e. Coffee table book to be completed with the Omaha World Herald
- f. Monthly press releases for historical events.
- g. Throwback Thursday social media posts.

**D. Facilities** – VP Carroll reports:

- a. Delzell has seen tremendous progress.
  - i. Finishing work on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor
  - ii. The structure of the elevator tower is done
  - iii. HVAC was placed in the attic
- b. Some projects continue, e.g. Park Avenue Project and Student Center roof.
  - i. Engineers are involved in the continuing temperature problems in Hoyt and T.J. Majors
- c. Theatre renovation bids will open on February 8.
- d. Dr. Hanson adds that the funding for facility improvement is through separate, earmarked funds.

## **7) Announcements**

- Diversity and Inclusion Workshop will be held from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on February 9 in the Live Oak Room.
- Serve Nebraska is now accepting grant proposals.
- Rural Futures Institute will be (was) on campus February 2.
- Basics Brochures is ready for distribution. It encourages referral to the counselors.
- Website updates should be sent to Jason Hogue. Campus activities, including calendar needs and Smart Phone App inquiries, should be sent to Dr. Dorman.