

## Dean's Administrative Council

### Minutes of Meeting

October 30, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Dean's Conference Room (3619)

Members Present Dr. And Kent, Dean; Dr. Andre Green, Associate Dean; Dr. Stefurak, Chair of Counseling and Instructional Sciences; Dr. John Kovaleski, Chair, Health, Kinesiology and Sports; Dr. Susan Santoli, Chair of Leadership and Teacher Education; Dr. Paige Vitulli, Interim Chair of Integrative Studies; Dr. Robert Thompson, Interim Chair of Hospitality and Tourism Management; Mr. Josh Wooden, Director of Academic Advising; Dr. Dennis Campbell, President of the College Faculty Council; Dr. Matt Binion, Director of Academic Assessments; and Mrs. Aimee Meyers, Development Liaison

Absent Members: Ms. Jennifer Simpson, Director of Field Services

Guest Ms. Joy Washington, Associate Director, Marketing and Communications

Dean Kent called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

#### 1. Information Update:

##### a. Faculty Searches

Dr. Kovaleski reported one tenure track assistant to associate professor position open in Physical Education Pedagogy for Health, Kinesiology and Sports. A campus interview is currently scheduled with a candidate this week.

Dr. Stefurak reported one tenure track assistant professor of education media and technology position open in CINS. Three candidates were selected to interview for the position. Two interviews have already been completed. The final third interview is scheduled for Wednesday of this week.

Dr. Santoli reported that the tenure track associate professor of education leadership and program coordinator in LTE was closed due to lack of qualified candidates. The position has been resubmitted to Academic Affairs to post an assistant to associate professor. Once approved by Academic Affairs the position will be posted.

Dr. Santoli reported that LTE will submit paperwork to hire a temporary fulltime instructor for the spring 2018 semester only to help with faculty load during Dr. Galliard's absence. Once paperwork has been approved by Academic Affairs a search will be conducted.



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Dr. Chilton is currently working on a CEPS brochure template which can be used by each department. Chairs should get with Dr. Chilton for more information.

3. Faculty Council (DC) -

Dr. Campbell noted that turnout was low for the last faculty meeting which was held on September 28 after the President's Town Hall meeting. The faculty will meet one more time this semester.

4. I-Corps @ USA (AK) -

Dr. Kent provided a handout titled *I-Corps @ USA Create / Innovate / Collaborate / Educate*. Innovation Corps (Corps) is a National Science Foundation (NSF) program that helps to grow and sustain the national innovation ecosystem. Through Corps, participants learn to identify valuable product opportunities that can emerge from academic research and gain skills in entrepreneurship through training. USA was awarded an I-Corps Site grant in 2017. Chairs are encouraged to provide the information to faculty. For more information contact Dr. Michael Chambers, Office of Research Innovation, [icorps@southalabama.edu](mailto:icorps@southalabama.edu) or 460-6333.

5. Annual Response Rate for Student Evaluations (AK) –

Dr. Kent provided a handout titled *Annual Response Rate for Student Evaluations*. In order to provide the university community with the ability to assess the response rates of student teacher evaluations, the Office of Institutional Effectiveness provides an annual response rate report by College and Department. The report shows that over the past year our response rate decreased. The College of Nursing has held the highest response rate due to evaluations being a course requirement. We need to find solutions to help raise our student response rate. Dr. Kent asked the chairs to encourage their faculty to remind students to complete faculty evaluations.

6. Grant Program Update (AG) –

Dr. Green provided an update on the grant program. Faculty received information on the grant program rollout last week.

- Research Development Grants (RDG) – The Research Development Grant is intended to support and encourage faculty members to develop strong programs of research that show potential to compete for external funding to advance their scholarly activity and mission of the college.

*Awards* – the College allocated \$12,000 per year (maximum) in support of this program, with a maximum award limit of \$2,500 per RDG submission.

- Research Support Grant (RSG) – The goal of the Research Support Grant program is to support the development of strong programs of research and creative scholarship by faculty members throughout the College.

*Awards* – The College allocated \$3,000 per year to support this program, with a maximum award limit of \$500 per RSG submission.

All researchers receiving funding will be required to present the findings of their research at the USA Faculty Development Council's Annual Research Forum or the South Alabama Conference on Teaching and Learning.

7. Development Update (AM) –

- CEPS has two new endowments (Charles and Virginia Thompson Endowed Scholarship in Hospitality, and the McKibbon Hospitality Leadership Scholarship) one other endowment is in the pipeline with two other possibilities.
- Dr. Kent and Ms Meyers attended the Golden Jaguar Dinner which was held for the first graduating class in which all but one had received an education degree.
- The mailer went out to 2500 alumni and as of today the College has raised \$350.
- Development will reprint more of The Pillars for our community outreach.
- Other events – The World Food Championship for the HTM Scholarship will be held on November 1<sup>st</sup>; The Mobile Area Lodging Association (MALA) was held on October 12<sup>th</sup> and raised \$6,500 for the MALA Scholarship; The Knights of Columbus held a shrimp boil at the Grand Mariner Marina on October 26<sup>th</sup> and proceeds will go to support Passage USA program for young adults with intellectual disabilities.

8. Graduate Studies Update (SS) –

10/20/16 – 108 applications for Spring 2017

10/30/17 – 172 applications for Spring 2018\*

- \* Are at various stages of the application process. Only 9 have actually paid.

10. Other – Commencement and Graduation Reception (AK)

- Due to the rising cost of Aramark, we will only serve cake and punch at the student