Provost’s Leadership Team Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 15, 2014

Present: Richard Balkin, Ryan Beard, Ana Billeaux, David Billeaux, Stephanie Box, Ruizhi Chen, Lauren Cifuentes, Ann DeGaish, Bunny Forgione, Mark Hartlaub, Patrick Larkin, Eve Layman, Gerardo Moreno, David Moury, Elwin Myers, Thomas Naehr, Bradley Shope, Edward Evans

Absent: LD Chen, Bill Cone, Margaret Dechant, Carlos Huerta, Frank Lucido, Chris Markwood, Larry McKinney, Paul Meyer, Susan Murphy, John Regalado, Christine Shupala, Leona Urbish

Guest: John Gamble

Note taker: Tiffany Hearne

I. Call to Order
Meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes from June 17, 2014
Motion was made by Patrick Larkin to approve minutes of the Provost’s Leadership Team meeting held on June 17, 2014. No changes were made. Minutes unanimously approved.

III. College of Business Update
Dr. John Gamble presented an update on the College of Business’ accomplishments over the past year, noting that the college has received AACSB reaccreditation after a successful five year maintenance visit. Other topics covered included distance education courses, an assessment update, and an overview of how college activities have aligned with the Momentum 2015 imperatives. Discussion followed. His presentation is attached.

IV. Honors Program
Administrative Director of the Honors Program, Stephanie Box, provided an update on the honors program. Her presentation included a brief history, program structure, a comparison to other institutions, student data, program graduate requirements and exceptions, challenges, admissions, early admission results and plans for the 2014-15 academic year, noting 50 new students have been admitted and will begin the program this coming fall. Discussion followed. Her presentation is attached.

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Lauren Cifuentes – She provided a Proposal for Addressing Authentication in Online Testing Through Test-Proctoring Software. Discussion included the issue at hand, what is being done, and how to address compliance issues related to test proctoring. Handout is attached.

Ann DeGaish – University Center (UC) construction update: The University has been notified that the UC will be closed during the fall 2014 semester. Beginning September 1,
2014, the building will be turned over to the contractor and is expected to come back online January 5, 2015. Encouraged departments to be proactive in rescheduling any meetings they have in the UC during this downtime.

Thomas Naehr – Fall 2014 graduate enrollment is up approximately 16%. The College of Graduate Studies has scheduled its retreat in July. A Title V proposal has been submitted for the PPOHA grant competition through the Department of Education for approximately $2.5M over 5 years. Proposal is titled Innovation in Preparing Researchers and Educators Program (iPREP).

Bunny Forgione – College of Nursing and Health Sciences has received 2 grants: 1) HRSA, nursing workforce diversity for $1,050,000 and 2) Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship (AENT) grant of over $400,000 for graduate student scholarships.

Eve Layman – She shared two things regarding the nursing program at TAMU-CC in general: 1) Our graduates are holding leadership/influential positions across the state of Texas and 2) she then stressed the affordability of our nursing program. Those present were asked to encourage anyone they know locally that is interested in nursing to pursue enrollment in our reputable nursing program.

Edward Evans – The University has updated to a 10GBPS internet connection and will implement an authentication change on Monday, July 21, 2014, which will allow for the use of the IslanderID and password to access Banner, S.A.I.L. and INB.

Patrick Larkin – Planning is underway for the New Faculty Orientation scheduled for August 15, 2014. Survey data has been received from all faculty.

VI. Adjourn
On motion to adjourn by Bunny Forgione, seconded by Gerardo Moreno, the Provost’s Leadership Team meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Submitted by Tiffany Hearne.