

Athens Q&A Meeting Round 1 – 4/8/19

Present: Kristen Bennett, Jay Kinzer, Blake Williamson, Chief Newby, Court Sutton, Erica Richardson, Wendy Elmore, Tara Thompson, Mary Wright, Jennifer Hannigan, Holley Collier, Janene Dotts, David Hopkins, Dorothy Hinds, Kristen Stovall, Jan Jennings, Kristin Walker, Michael Felty, Courtney Walker, Amy Rogers, Marlo Bitter, Jerry King, Beth Ann Kidd, Brian Baumgartner, Courtney Curran, Ellery Watson, Lisa Clark, Donna Bennett

1. Introduction of Executive Team – David Hopkins CFO replacement of Jean McSpadden
2. When program reviews are completed, are certificates considered a separate review or is it considered within the AAS review?
 - a. Dr. Elmore stated that the graphical data in the catalog should all feed into one program and the program review should live under the appropriate AAS review. This should be coordinated to appropriate Division Chair and work with Chris Daley to ensure any errors are fixed. If they live in the same CIP, it should not be a separate review.
 - b. Why does the TDCJ program need to be linked into the same program as the Athens program? Meeting with Kristin Walker on Thursday for more information. Also Colleague means that we have to lead within one program.
3. Dr. Hurley is wanting to have a 3 hour science lab but the science faculty has not been consulted?
 - a. This has not been discussed formally at this point. If it goes any further, it will go to C&I.
4. Request to rename mechanical engineering to something that is more student friendly.
 - a. Dr. Elmore stated that we need to ensure that we are not moving away from the information listed in the CIP name.
 - b. C Curran stated that this is particularly confusing for international students.
 - c. The name will help with recruiting since it sounds better than a basic name.
5. Concern in regards to recruiting. How are we trying to improve recruiting for TVCC? How can faculty help with recruiting? How are we trying to bring the students back to face to face classes rather than just online?
 - a. Dr. King brought up the fact that we need to strongly encourage faculty especially in the workforce area to encourage in their area by getting to know the area ISD instructors. Also, Dr. Kinzer is looking at ways to improve. If we need to look at options to have faculty have “time away” to recruit, then that needs to be discussed. Dr. King discussed how our enrollment is slightly down due to the lower employment rate. Dr. King discussed how the enrollment has increased due to workforce in the ISD’s. Dr. Kinzer is looking at a committee that will focus on recruiting. Dr. Kinzer stated that it takes all of us working together. We technically have 2 ½ recruiters that try to meet with each service district counselor at least once a semester as well as attending college fairs around the state. Dr. Kinzer stated that we need to have a coordinated effort to ensure that we are working together as a unit instead of working against each other. The possibility of hiring students to recruit at the ISD’s they attended. Website is still in under construction and we still need to improve our website. Another option is having testimonials from our students after they leave TVCC.

6. Fall registration will be held on April 22nd. There was a confusion with the dates. Dr. King talked about the stress that was involved in the Colleague conversion. Students will register in AS400 and then we will convert the students over to Colleague.
7. Dr. King stated that we will receive more money from the coordinating board, the question was asked where this money will be spent?
 - a. Dr. King stated that he would like to address the budget. He discussed the new positions at THSC. It is a puzzle as to how it will fit into the overall budget. We do not plan to raise tuition and fees and our hope is that we will receive more revenue from tax base revenue primarily in Kaufman County.
 - b. Dr. King discussed that a proposal will be made that we will decrease our out of district fees for Dual Credit students from \$375 to \$180 for a 3 hour course with a loss of revenue about 350,000. A discussion was had that if we do nothing we will continue to lose school districts and a potential of 250,000 loss hit. This hopefully will allow us to keep all of our current dual credit schools and possibly have Forney come back.
 - c. Dr. King is hoping that we will be able to give a salary increase. 3% raise equals about 750,000.
8. Dr. King mentioned that we are about to begin construction on the Clock Tower that will be a staple for the Athens campus. It will be about 47 ft tall and will begin construction in May or June. The funds were donated and will not come out of budgeted college money. Dr. King also mentioned that the walking trail, the fitness center, and the bleachers were all budgeted. 105 acres donated to the college which is located in Kaufman off 175 by Mr. White which is worth around 1 million dollars. 2.1 million dollars from the Perkins estate was donated. The THSC is going to be like a new building and will allow TVCC to expand our nursing and medical programs. Ultimately we want to convert our nursing program to a Bachelors program. The Terrell HS Academy will be for students to take medical programs in conjunction with TVCC and Terrell ISD. Equipment within the THSC will all be new and state of art.
9. When uploading the fall syllabus, one will not upload. Who do the questions go to?
 - a. Wendy stated to talk to her directly.
10. Concern about where is the focus on getting more students here on campus? We have great facilities here on campus that are not being utilized and online classes and labs are not as effective.
 - a. Dr. King stated that the number of dual credit students has decreased our population of students here on campus since they are completing their classes while in the ISD.
 - b. Are we doing as much as we can in regards to communicating the advantage of face to face classes?
 - c. Wendy stated that we are adding ITV classes that will help with enrollment across all the campuses.
 - d. Dr. King stated that there is a shift in enrollment to online away from face to face and especially night classes but to be competitive we have to offer the online options.
 - e. Dr. Kinzer stated that we are seeing a decline in the dorm but we are thinking about how we can get more students engaged on campus such as adding sports program (such as soccer and golf). E-sports is another growth area that is an option. Could we look at options to engage the students specifically on campus? Most athletes are encouraged to take face to face only classes.

- f. Discussion around the fact that faculty would be willing to help out with tours.
Suggestion was that an email be sent out to ask for help.
- 11. A concern that faculty be asked back into helping with advising which would also help with student wait time. Possibly specifically have faculty experts help with advising.
 - a. Dr. Kinzer stated that Tammy is looking at changing some things and having monthly adviser meetings which would give faculty an opportunity to come to these meetings. Dr. Kinzer also stated that they would welcome faculty to help with advising.
 - b. Dr. Elmore stated that in colleague there is a student planning piece that will help with these conversations moving forward.
 - c. The discussion of having faculty advisers but we haven't been able to get to that point.
 - d. Possibly having an open house for each department for students, advisers, faculty, etc.
 - e. When the shift was made away from the registration in the big room, that faculty have not been involved in registration anymore.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25