

Leadership Meeting: College of Sciences
March 11, 2008

Announcements: Space Grant Applications = 1 (www.tsgc.utexas.edu)
Internal college equipment repair and replacement. REM: 4/1 deadline.
[Report](#) on ASU activities at TAS last weekend.

1) Handling of time-sensitive materials.

Grady requested that each department head come up with a mechanism for identifying time sensitive materials; in particular he requested that processing of time sensitive materials be “flagged” in some way so that we don’t end up with FedEx-like items being processed through the US Postal Service style channels of normal ASU administration.

2) Discussion of PAA criteria listings.

Paul distributed copies of a [generic PAA proposal](#) for the college. He will send copies of this document to everyone for localized revision. Grady must turn these documents in to Rich Beck by this Friday.

3) Commencement 2008, May 10th 2:00 PM:

David Loyd, Mace Bearer; David Huckaby, Faculty Marshal; R. Russell Wilke, Gonfalonier + Request for Student Marshalls. We get two marshals and one alternate. Graduating seniors with 3.50 GPA (preferred). Nominees must agree to serve at commencement and to attend 5/9, 2PM rehearsal. Get names to me by Wednesday, April 2nd

Wilke will not be able to serve in May. McCoy says Dave Marsh will serve in his place.

4) To subscribe to my calendar on Ramport:

- i. Click into “calendar” on Ramport
- ii. Select the “Calendars” tab
- iii. Click on the binoculars icon to “subscribe”
- iv. Search for “name” + “contains” and fill in “blount”
- v. Select my calendar and click “OK”

5) What I learned from your on-line “evaluations”:

Perception based → immediate or intuitive recognition or appreciation, as of moral, psychological, or aesthetic qualities; insight; intuition; discernment
Not objective or criteria-based. Does not capture performance. Ergo based on my subjective values.
Only works if you are familiar with my values = popularity contest.

Question list implies importance; misleads your evaluators? For example, no mention of accreditation activities, faculty development, student learning outcomes, space allocation, scheduling, budgeting, HEAF, support for requests from dean or provost, etc.

Anonymity = intrigue ≠ transparency. Ergo a poor evaluation instrument (this is my value).
We will schedule individual debriefings after completion.

- 6) Three Requests:
- I. Please provide me with vitae and schedule before candidate visits.
 - II. Please debrief with me prior to making job offer.
 - III. Please keep me informed of departmental activities and your contacts with administration.*.

TO-DO LIST: _____ Aligned departmental mission and goals by end of summer.

_____ Attend or send a representative to the Univ. Curriculum Committee this
Friday at 1:30 PM
_____ Proofs of 09-11 catalog copy to Grady by Monday, 3/31
_____ April 2nd: Student Marshal nominations to Grady.

Round Table: Gil expressed significant concern about the proposal to raise graduate tuition and that fact that many of us were not consulted about this plan.

Andy reported on the multiple searches underway in PHYS.

Tim reported on the startup initiatives associated with IBM taking over Data Center Operations including the addition of 2 dedicated internships each for ASU and TTU. He also reported that the Entertainment Computing Lab in MCS 105 is now functional.

Kelly described a course assessment instrument he was exposed to during the recent Assessment Conference at College Station. Substantial discussion ensued about the use and misuse of IDEA forms for evaluating student learning.

* Operating Policy 06.01: Each Department Head shall keep the Dean of the College fully informed on a regular basis regarding all actual or potential problems, concerns, or issues related to the department or the faculty which may affect the well-being or interests of the department or those of the University.