

College of Sciences

August 23, 2007

AGENDA

- I. News from the college.....
 - a. Departmental announcements, updates, and introductions
 - Gil Engdahl, Agriculture
 - Kelly McCoy, Biology
 - George Shankle, Chemistry and Biochemistry
 - Tim Roden, Computer Science
 - Paul Swets, Mathematics
 - Leslie Mayrand, Nursing
 - Scott Hasson, Physical Therapy
 - Andy Wallace, Physics
 - b. General Comments from Grady
 - 1) Reminder: Grady is transparent, optimistic, egalitarian, mission-driven, service-oriented *and accessible!* (*But short on institutional memory*).
 - i. Some remarks on Depth, Professionalism, and Caring
 - 2) [Highlights](#) from the College of Sciences for 2006-2007.
 - 3) What did we accomplish last year (per HB1)?
 - i. Identified a comprehensive list of student learning outcomes for each degree program.
 - ii. Assessed at least three student learning outcomes for each degree program and use assessments to enhance degree programs.
 - iii. Developed a program that assesses general education outcomes.
 - 4) College of Sciences Mission Statement:
Promote inquiry, literacy, and service within the field of science.
 - 5) How does this fit into ASU Mission? *Changes are coming*
 - i. Strategic and tactical approaches.
 - ii. Deans collecting nominations for a new ASU Mission Committee.
 - 6) Dual Credit Update: On campus, likely late afternoon. Labs!!!
 - 7) 2008 Moon Lecture: Dr. Jeffrey Macklis, Stem Cell researcher, March 31st and April 1, 2008. Ideas or nominations for 2009???
 - 8) Asbestos Remediation likely in Cavness this fall – More info next week.
 - i. If it happens, which is almost certain, will involve closing each lab for 1 week during the first 10 weeks of class.
 - ii. Remove all critical items from the building now.
 - 9) Is the IDEA working for you or against you?
 - i. Be sure you have supplied the weighting factors
 - ii. Add questions which highlight what you do best
 - iii. Optimize your response rates (higher is better)

II. News from HQ.....

- a. Major Study Committee recommendations on:
 - 1) Distance education
 - 2) Workload
 - 3) Promotion and Tenure

- b. Internal Research Funds to be consolidated:
 - 1) Currently about \$265K in several small pools.
 - 2) Funding caps to be removed.
 - 3) Grants to be aligned with strategic mission of ASU.

- c. Reporting Reminders:
 - 1) All external grants must be routed through Grants Office (Diminnie)
 - 2) All gifts & affiliations reported to Development Office (McClung).
 - 3) Report any *expert witness* activity (see departmental chair) by 9/15.

- d. Low enrollment summer classes still under scrutiny. Be aware!

- e. Comments on FY08 Budget Process
 - 1) 3% across-the-board raises
 - 2) Substantial increases in departmental M&O
 - 3) Consolidation of funds at the VPAA level