

Council of Academic Deans
April 3, 2007

Summary and Action Items

- **Academic Department M&O Budget Reform:** Dr. Gene Bourgeois distributed a draft proposal to allocate departmental M&O budgets. The process was developed by Mr. Gordon Thyberg, Director of Budgeting, Mr. Joe Meyer, Director of Institutional Research, Dr. Julio Dix, Professor in the Department of Mathematics, and Dr. Bourgeois, with additional input from Dr. Jaime Chahin, Dr. Bob Habingreither, Dr. Susan Day, Dr. Rosie Morris, Dr. John McGee, and Dr. Ian Davidson.

The M&O Budget Reform proposal will be presented to the Council of Chairs on Thursday, April 5, 2007.

- **Graduate Assistantships:** Dr. Bourgeois announced that there will be no new GA positions being funded this year and current positions will be reviewed for possible re-allocation of those positions.
- **Summer Budgets:** Dr. Bourgeois announced that funds are available for additional sections. Requests should be sent to him.
- **Doctoral Programs:** Dr. Moore distributed a memo and Preliminary Authority Request forms to be completed for the appropriate proposed doctoral and master's degree programs. The requests will be discussed at the Dean's Retreat on May 14, 2007.
- **120-Hour Policy Discussion:** Dr. Moore distributed a memo summarizing the discussion of the 120-hour policy by the General Education Council, the 120-Hour Committee, the Curriculum Committee, and the Faculty Senate. Each recommended that no reduction be made to the general education core curriculum.

Colleges will need to finalize how undergraduate degree programs will be reduced to 120 hours. Detailed programmatic sheets will be mailed within two weeks to facilitate this process.

- **TSUS Regents Professor Award:** A draft announcement for the Regents Professor Award was distributed. The final announcement will be sent to all faculty from the Provost.
- **Workload Distribution:** Dr. Bourgeois distributed the faculty workload worksheets and emphasized that deans now need to certify that their chairs have complied with workload distribution requirements.