

Joint Council of Academic Deans and Faculty Senate Meeting
February 20, 2013

Summary and Action Items

- **Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs):** Discussion was held regarding whether Texas State was heading in the direction of MOOCs. Dr. Debbie Thorne presented Texas State's philosophy of online education. There are no current plans for MOOCs; we have a robust online and distance education portfolio on our campus.
- **Teaching Evaluations Inquiry:** Discussion was held about moving student perceptions of instruction online versus having students complete these in the classroom. Provost Bourgeois indicated no change in policy would be forthcoming until the Faculty Senate endorsed revision.
- **Request for Representation of All Academic Colleges on the Registration and Academic Calendar Coordinating Committee:** Dr. Michael Heintze informed the Senate that call for membership for the RACCC begins in April and he ensures that a representative from each college will be represented. CAD will select 2 members, Council of Chairs will select 3 members and the Faculty Senate will select 3 members.
- **Adjunct Faculty Committee Initiatives:** The Senate distributed a draft policy on part-time faculty excellent in teaching award. The Deans will review and submit any comments to Ms. Michel Conroy. Also to be reviewed by the Deans is a policy regarding adjunct faculty development release time.
- **Multicultural Curriculum and Transformation Research Institute:** Dr. Cynthia Opheim reminded CAD and Faculty Senate that the Multicultural Curriculum and Transformation Research Institute will be held on May 20-24, 2013.