Joint Council of Academic Deans/Faculty Senate Meeting April 14, 2010

Summary and Action Items

- Summer Course Funding: Dr. Gene Bourgeois gave an overview of the process for allocating summer funding to the Deans. Dr. Bourgeois mentioned that any funding for Round Rock is already imbedded into the allocations sent to the Deans. All funds for the summer 2010 budget have been allocated, therefore other money has to be used for additional requests. Any other needs that are enrollment driven will be funded. The Deans explained the allocation process in their own colleges, including the curricular and staffing priorities.
- Personnel Committee Composition: Discussion was held as to which faculty members should serve on personnel committees, especially on permanent decisions such as tenure, promotion and dismissal. The Senate expressed concern with the reporting lines of certain faculty members serving on the committee and what their responsibilities are. Dr. Moore noted that all tenured faculty except for administrative staff who hold tenure in an academic department should be on Personnel Committees (PC) and participate in the responsibilities of PC members, including eligible university and endowed chairs.
- Faculty Liaisons for the Quality Enhancement Plan: Discussion was held regarding the relationship of the proposed new faculty liaisons with the PACE Center. Dr. Moore stressed the importance of needing a good handoff from the PACE Center to the faculty liaison. The faculty liaison will be a very critical and important position and the responsibility will be on the Deans to make sure the transition for the students is effective. The Senate expressed concern about reporting lines, recognition of service and clarification of duties. Dr. Moore agreed that much more discussion would have to be held between him and the Deans regarding more specifics of this new position, such as job description, goals and duties of this position, and their relationship to the PACE Center and College Advising Centers.
- HB 2504: Dr. Bourgeois and Dr. Debbie Thorne gave an overview of what would be required of Texas State concerning the implementation of requirements mandated by HB 2504, as well as an update of where Texas State is in completing these requirements. Texas State's responsible administrator will be Dr. Thorne and she will ensure that we are complying with the provisions of HB 2504. Her office will also submit a written report each year regarding the institution's compliance with the legislation, which will be seen by the Governor's Office.