Survey: GRIP and other issues

- Workload agreement
- Grade distributions
- Curriculum streamlining
- Use of online grade book
The GRIP Cross Campus Team

• Team reports Dec 7 to Jan 25:
  – Job bank
  – Top Scholars recruitment
  – Work with UTSA students – Cross college study to develop model to predict student retention
Faculty with relevant expertise encouraged to participate in providing recommendations, evaluation, and execution of policies and services to improve retention and graduation rates.

Examples

- Researchers with expertise on psychoeducational and mental health challenges, motivation and school success, stress and time management, curriculum design, enthographic studies, etc.

Could result in research data and training opportunities for students.

Please convey to colleagues in your department.

If interested, send name and description of area of expertise to Lorrie Smith in Sandy Welch’s office.
GRIP Faculty Forums: Jan 15 and 17

- Ease of use – single system integrated with Learn?
- Feedback to faculty (e.g., Has student been contacted? Has student gotten tutoring?)
- Include mechanism to provide faculty with information on student support resources available to students.
- Include one short period in regular schedule when classes are not held to facilitate opportunities to meet with students.
- Need information on how many faculty use the Learn grade book and what would facilitate greater faculty involvement.
GRIP Related Study

• The Latino/a College Experience at UTSA: Identifying Pathways towards Degree Completion
  – Center for Research and Policy in Education
    • Project Director: Dr. Laura Cortez

• Asking for faculty assistance:
  – Identifying possible participants for focus groups:
    • Latino/a students, low income, first generation
  – In-class Surveys:
    • 30 minutes, any class, all students surveyed (remember to check with department and college guidelines)

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Senate Representatives on Committees

• Revised Regulations for Biological Select Agents and Toxins
  – Floyd Wormley

• Dining Services Committee
  – Robert Ambrosino
Chair’s Council

• Visit with students re GRIP issues
• Digital measures – Sandy Welch
• Competency based credit – Joleen Gould
  – Clep, challenge exams
• International programs Julius Gribou
  – http://international.utsa.edu/
Conflict of Commitment

- Model policy sent in mid-January with deadline of Feb 1.
- Initial feedback sought from Executive Committee and Senate Research Committee. Feedback conveyed to Mickey Stevenson, Jan 23.
- discussed at SYSFAC Jan 24 and 25.
- Jan 29, meeting to incorporate SYSFAC recommendations.
Conflict of Commitment

• Jan 30, latest draft provided to Senate.

• Please provide feedback to John Merrifield or Misty Sailors by Friday, February 8.
  – limited areas of flexibility

• Senate Research Committee
  – will incorporate feedback and post recommendations by Feb 14 for consideration at Feb 21 Senate meeting.
  – Complete final recommendations Feb 22
Senate Reports to Departments

• Please remember to provide a report to your department of Senate activities and to seek and convey feedback in timely fashion. Thanks!