The academic council meets during 2016 summer months. A brief summary of salient matters is presented to the Faculty Senate.

1) The Whitacre College of Engineering presented a proposal for name change for the Department of Industrial Engineering to Department of Industrial, Manufacturing, and Systems Engineering. The motion was approved. The proposal was subsequently sent to the THECB and has been approved.

2) Senior Vice Provost Rob Stewart announced the publication of OP 32.35 in early summer, which is on modified instructional duties for faculty. The Office of the Provost is working on some clarifications on this OP, this semester.

3) Revised diploma reorder policy OP 77.01 was presented, which will allow ordering extra/replacement diplomas and the motion was carried. The OP will be updated to reflect the new policy, which will allow students to purchase (through the office of the Registrar) additional diplomas for a fee.

4) A new electronic course evaluation system is being tested. Some students were able to use the system beginning Summer II. It is anticipated that the campus wide system will be in place in Fall 2017 after further tests and focus group assessments this fall and spring. Updates on this project will be regularly reported at appropriate council meetings and to the Senate.

5) Updated Core Curriculum list is available on the Provost’s Office website, specifically the Curriculum page. (http://www.depts.ttu.edu/provost/curriculum/index.php).

6) First time in College Students retention has been up by 1.5% which is due to proactive measures such as telephone calls to encourage reenrollment, etc.

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