Agenda and Minutes of College of Sciences Leadership meeting
March 9, 2010

PRESENT: Blount Engdahl, McCoy, Modl (for Roden), Swets, Wallace

1) Old Business: Textbook Adoption Calendar:
   March 15th (summer)
   April 15th (fall)
   October 15th (spring)

   Are all “rejected” SPOL entries completed?
   McCoy & Osterhout still pending

   Moon Lectures this week!
   Assessment Luncheon this Friday!

2) Center for Security Studies update: $2.4M in hand. Planetarium equipment upgrade this summer. Directive to initiate GIS degree for Fall 2012 (Tim will handle CB proposal). Major roles for Computational and Applied Mathematics, Geosciences, and Signal Processing. Strong requirements for any large-scale geospatial analysis classes (e.g. rangeland management, crop forecasting, epidemiology, biochemical warfare, and all forms of modeling).

   Includes course design personnel, digital projection system programmer, and DE support specialists.

3) Comments from Dean’s Council meetings: HSI application & Title V grant moving forward.
   New Carr grid based on h.s. rank & SAT/ACT,
   -automatic award, no application needed.
   SAS gone. Existing awards grand-fathered,
   -new SAS grid coming soon.
   -performance based.
   You should have departmental scholarship info.
   Lecturer status still eludes some folks.
   April 1st deadline for budgetary recommendations.

4) Budgetary discussions. April 1st deadline for AA to submit cost-savings measures (with dollar amounts attached). Tactical options limited to efficiencies & increased revenues (IMHO).
   Optimization of Room Utilization.
   More variety of sections offered → yield enrollment increases.
   Optimize formula-based class offerings f(base year offerings).
   Possible consolidation or leveling of staff responsibilities?
   Change duty requirements for non-tenure track faculty?

5) Home stretch on SPOL. Note from Sarah Logan: Hi Grady, for 08-09, I have heard back from Tim that his are completed. Kelly has one unfinished objective, and John is going to do Chemistry’s (he and I talked today about the Assessment Plan and SPOL entry in general). Kudos to you and your department heads. They have done a bunch of work on student learning outcomes, program learning goals, curriculum mapping, planning, etc. I think SACS is going to be impressed with our accomplishments since the 5-year report.