

Cost Containment
Academic Programming Subcommittee minutes
March 28, 2012
Reynolds Building Room 208

Members present:

Dr. Susan Hanrahan, Subcommittee chair

Dr. Lonnie Williams

Mr. Pradeep Mishra

Ms. Tammy Fowler

Meeting was called to order at 2:00.

Dr. Hanrahan distributed a preliminary report from Dr. Gina Hogue on the cost savings possible using the iPad Face Time technology for observation in lieu of physical visits to campuses. The study will conclude in April. At that time, a final report will be presented to the committee.

Tammy Fowler reported on the University of North Texas Center for Learning Enhancement, Assessment and Redesign's distance learning model. The model provides many opportunities for additional revenue generation for departments and faculty engaged in online learning.

Opportunities include:

- Increasing enrollment in courses
- Departments have the freedom to set tuition/fee structures that reflect the actual costs of the programs/courses
- Ability to support efforts with the revenues generated by that particular enterprise
- Faculty able to offer the courses developed with other institutions and generate personal income

Obstacles include:

- Different costs structures can be confusing to students
- Licensing and access to areas outside the state are time consuming and complicated

Dr. Hanrahan sent a survey to chair council asking for information regarding any cost containment strategies currently in place. No responses have been received.

The next meeting will be scheduled based on the taskforce timeline. Tentatively this has been discussed for later in April.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Fowler