

MINUTES
Academic Council
November 5, 2013

The Academic Council met on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 8:30 am in the President's Conference Room, Sheridan Hall 306.

Members attending: Mark Bannister, Jeff Briggs, Tim Crowley, Paul Faber, Dennis King, Shala Mills, Rob Scott and Chris Crawford, Chair

Guests: President Hammond

A. Calculating the Economic Value of Increasing College Awards by 2020

Action: The President demonstrated an application which is available on the Kansas Board of Regents website. The application calculates the funding model for the state of Kansas and the Governor's goal of 60 percent of Kansans will have earned degrees by 2020. The legislators feel if they refund higher education the amount of money based on the last cuts, the goal will meet the 60 percent goal. However, Dr. Hammond doesn't think we will make it to 60 percent. He feels the Legislature will need to change the goal to 2025 and to 63 percent to reach the goal. The only way to move the needle is in the 20-39 year olds. The Virtual College is going to be a major player because it will affect the rate. This tool is going to drive the funding model. The legislators are going to use incentives to move the needle. As a University, we are going to make decisions that will help us based on the new funding model. There is a discussion of providing incentives to certain degrees over others. Kansas is a leader in awarding master's degrees, doctorates and professional degrees. This is the reason they are not included in the incentives plan.

B. Virtual College Expansion

Action: For the University to play a more aggressive role in the Regents funding model, we need to concentrate our efforts on the expansion of the Virtual College. We have a 90 percent capacity in our current Virtual College. For us to continue to grow, we cannot do it with just adjuncts. The President has requested identifying opportunities of faculty growth for each college along with the type of classes to be offered for growth. These should be sent to Chris. The demand is the real issue and we want to keep up with demand. The President is open to expansion if that will help with the demand for Virtual College classes. Salary dollars should be included in the document and the President will figure out what can be done. The 20th day data that shows shrinkage should be used. Dr. Hammond is comfortable with the 92-93 percent capacity and indicated the 26/27 class maximum enrollment should be used. The President would like to have this information by Thanksgiving/Christmas.

C. Wait List-Creation of New Class Sections for Spring 2014.

The waiting list is live until January 8 then it will be turned off. The assessment of the list will be how to respond to the wait list data. Dennis indicated he will include chairs to have access to the capacity reports.

D. Compliance with Export Controls on Software

Some departments are being affected by the new federal definition of exportable software which includes viewing of software on a computer screen. For example, there is some defense related software that the United States doesn't want to fall in the hands of our rival countries. The Geosciences Department falls under these export controls. China is considered a rival. Therefore, we are not allowed

to use our software and some students do not have access. One way to move on is to have a monitoring of who has access and which students. This is a potential problem for the University. A suggestion was to create a data base of student nationalities for majors and go through the list and ask the Registrar's Office to remove these students from these majors. Paul Faber, John Heinrichs and Tim Crowley were tasked with coming up with an institutional response, policy and procedure for review by the Academic Council. The immediate response is to order the list.

E. Changes to Strategic Plan Narrative

Changes were made last year in the document. Cindy Cline was instructed to send out the document for review by the deans before submitting it to Larry Getty.

F. Administrative Goals

The deans were asked to review the evaluation process that aligns to Foresight 2020, based on the numbers of graduates and more relevant to their duties. Chris would like to align last year's evaluation or come up with an alternative before the next meeting. Maybe there is another tool. It will be put back on the agenda next time.

G. Monthly Position Reports

It was agreed these reports will be submitted quarterly, instead of monthly. The submission dates will be sent to the administrative assistants.

H. Student labor

The deans discussed the utilization patterns of student labor allocations with the Division. The deans requested a three-year analysis of the past years.

I. Open End Resources (OER) Plan

The OER proposal is currently part of the Red Balloon Project. Chris and Dennis would like to move away from that and break it out on its own. Dennis was asked to organize a few faculty for a committee (including someone from COET and ask students on the committee). The plan is to focus on general education. The plan is to work with colleges, departments, faculty and general education committee to set goals but to also allow them to go forward with their OER classes. It was suggested to have some type of OER marketing for students and new faculty. The tag line for the marketing should show how students are learning faster from these courses. Other comments should be sent to Dennis King.

J. Academy of Academic Leaders

These meetings were scheduled on the same day as KBOR meetings. Dr. Crawford needs somebody to step up and coordinate those meetings since he will be in Topeka. Dr. Scott indicated he will coordinate it for Chris. Dr. Scott is looking for timely and relevant topics for the meetings. Drs. Scott and Crawford will get together and discuss this agenda.

Dr. Crawford would like to be sending eight to ten chairs to the academic chairs conference sponsored by KSU as part of a rotation of all chairs to attend the conference. He would like to have two or three from Arts and Sciences, and one from each of the other colleges. Nominees should be sent to Chris.

Meeting adjourned at 10:29 am.