

MINUTES
Grand council
January 28, 2014

The Grand Council met on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Smoky Hill Room of the Memorial Union.

Members present: Mark Bannister, Jeff Briggs, Curt Brungardt, Stan Compton for Greg Panichello (by audio conference), Tim Crowley, Eric Deyo, Cindy Elliott, Dennis King, Joey Linn, Shala Mills, John Ross, Rob Scott, Dan Shea, Andy Tincknell for Susan Zvacek, Brad Will for Paul Faber, and Chris Crawford

Guest: Kenton Olliff

The meeting was called to order.

1. Updates/Reports from Council Members

KSBDC – 1) The federal cuts from last year are going to be restored. 2) They are increasing revenue by working with others around the country to provide webinars. 3) Using core competencies to help educate their team and provide consultants with additional training and will help with marketing.

CTELT – 1) They are working on an offer for Jake Glover’s replacement 2) Have begun managing the blackboard off campus site. So far the system has been very reliable and saves the University thousands of dollars. 3) Susan is a Fulbright Scholar and is currently in Portugal; and 4) Working on replacement of course designer.

Virtual College – 1) Working on US News and World report marketing plan; 2) Attending the largest military conference in February.

COET—1) Have begun implementing a more stringent set of guidelines for accepting students into the teacher education program in the fall 2013 semester; They have been working with Todd Powell to change the policies; 2) Adam Holden has an OER project going on to eliminate textbooks by next fall; 3) Another change in curriculum is requiring clinicals to be a full year instead of a semester. Students are required to take classes while participating in clinicals.

Shala Mills, BAPA recipient – 1) Encouraged any one to participate in the AASCU Becoming a Provost Academy (BAPA). It is a great program; 2) Global Challenges was a hit at the AAC&U conference; 3) There will be an article about Global Challenges in the “Change” magazine and the “Democracy&Diversity” magazine.

CAS – 1) Pulling together information for John Heinrichs’ service.

OSP – 1) A representative from Bangkok, Thailand is coming to campus at the end of the week to discuss BGS, MLS and MPS degrees; 2) SIAS and SNU’s spring term starts in about one month; 3) OSP is reviewing candidates for the study abroad program to take place this summer; 4) SIAS has received independence from Xiang Jo.

Provost’s Office – 1) Hired a new administrative specialist; 2) Interim provost is reviewing tenure files; 3) continues discussion with Faculty Senate, Paul Faber and General Education Committee about revising

the General Education curriculum; 4) Working on the Post-Tenure Review policy and moving forward on it; 5) Chris has shared the VC expansion plan with the President; he is optimistic about its passage. The deans are scheduled to meet with the President next Monday.

Center for Civic Leadership – 1) Civic investment plan is in the final stages and they should have a report on, “How to Enhance Civic Engagement on Campus” by late March or early April; 2) Diane Nash will be on campus on March 27. She was a civil rights activist and a member of the Freedom Riders. She will have an open forum in the evening.

Graduate School – 1) Enrollment is up 130 over last spring – growth of 20 percent over past two years. We have around 300 students enrolled in the program. We graduated 152 students last fall, which was a record.

Forsyth Library – 1) John Ross suggested renaming the Research Activities Day to the Heinrichs Research Activities Day in memory of John Heinrichs. John Ross and Tim Crowley were asked to prepare a proposal. 2) John would like to meet with each academic unit to let them know about the available resources of the library. It will be tailored to the resources that apply to each unit, and 3) the library staff is reviewing the serials for each department.

Faculty Senate – 1) Reminder the next meeting is February 3. The Senate is concerned about the social media policy passed by KBOR that goes against the process of being able to fire faculty based on a comment made on some type of social media; 2) The Senate wants to be considered for representation on the Task Force reviewing the general education program; and 3) They are concerned about the expansion of the Virtual College and faculty being included in the discussion.

COBE – They have just signed with the Linnex Corporation to provide free textbooks and free curriculum; 2) the Management Development Center has blossomed and are in the processing of applying for a grant; 3) The Tourism and Hospitality Management major is taking off and is seeing an increase in the number of majors; 4) The College is attempting to work with Shenyang Normal University; 5) Resignation of Stephen Schleicher as chair of the Department of informatics. There will be an internal departmental appointment for the position; 6) A spring, Start Up Kansas, has been scheduled for April 4; 7) Bob Schmidt and Gary Shorman will be guest speakers on February 11 in the Robbins Center; and 8) Established a the Sheffield Exchange Program for our faculty. A faculty member from our University will travel to England and their University will send one here to Hays.

Student Affairs – 1) Joey and Brad are members of the KBOR Transfer and Articulation Agreement Committee which continues to look at seamless transfer of courses from one college to another in the Regents system. Questions should be directed to either of them; 2) The 2014 Core Outcomes meeting has been scheduled for September 12 and will be held at the Johnson County Community College campus; and 3) Expressed his appreciation to faculty and chairs who attend the SRP’s and make it such a success.

CHLS – 1) The college has several curriculum projects in place; 2) There is a new degree proposal at the Kansas Board of Regents level; 3) currently developing an ag business program in Southwest Kansas; 4) Communication Disorders is looking at partnering with elementary schools for a telepractice position; 5) MPS is currently serving 119 students; and 6) Sandy Billinger will be the featured speak as part of the HLS Young Alumni Speaker series this spring.

Academic Affairs Marketing Specialist – 1) continues to work with Kristin Rupp reworking the website; 2) working on changing the banners in the academic affairs area; 3) reworking text for academic areas; and 4) creating a brochure and two videos for the President.

2. Suicide Prevention Online Training

Kenton Olliff distributed the instructions on how to access the suicide prevention training. It takes about 45 minutes and can be done anywhere on a computer. Kenton will send the link to Chris and he will send it out to the Council. The Council was instructed to go through the training and encourage others to do the same.

3. Red Balloon Update

There is a core group working on redesigning the red balloon project. It became a cash grab when money was associated with it. The group is now moving it back to being faculty driven, grass roots, and coming up the ranks instead of from the top down. The original intent of the project was to include all of the campus, not just academic affairs. That is the direction the group is going. Last year's funded action plans have had varying levels of success. Dr. Hammond has indicated there will be funding this year for Red Balloon action plans. If anyone has ideas for the Red Balloon Project, they should talk to Rob Scott, Tisa Mason or Chris Crawford.

4. 2014 Performance Agreement

Chris wants to make sure everyone sees our current fiscal year performance agreement. He will be working on next year's agreement this spring.

5. Performance Evaluation Process

Chris sees this as a two part process. The first part is reporting on what are the ordinary processes you do throughout the year and how have you been effective. The second part is what innovative things did you try and report if they did or didn't succeed. The response should be no more than two pages and due to the Interim Provost by April 1. Chris was asked to send out a reminder to faculty about the February 15 deadline for merit evaluations to be submitted to the chair.

6. Hanover/Eduventures Research

Hanover is doing some research for the Vice President and Administration. Eduventures is looking at the MIS 101 degree and the viability of the program across the country and the doctorate of Nursing Practice.

7. 2014-2015 Academic Affairs Strategic Initiatives

We need to think about where we want to be next year. We always seem to be making decisions on the fly, but we also need to begin thinking strategically. Each area was asked to submit at least one initiative to Dr. Crawford by April 15. The Grand Council will review the initiatives at a summer meeting and then move some of them forward.

8. Networking Opportunity

The Council started talking with other members.

9. New Item

Dr. Crawford passed out a leadership evaluation survey for the provost. He feels that if deans are evaluated, the provost should be, too. The Council was asked to think about the stakeholders and wants feedback on the survey.

Request for Feedback from the Academic Council Prior Learning Assessment Agenda Item

The question was raised about whether there has been progress on the PLA and if someone has been identified to coordinate the effort. Chris indicated we are working on the ePortfolios right now but it is too early to discuss personnel.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.