

MINUTES
Operations Council
November 26, 2013

The Operations Council met on Tuesday, November 26 at 8:30 a.m. in the President's Conference Room, Sheridan Hall 306.

Members attending: Dennis King, John Ross, Dan Shea, Susan Zvacek, Greg Panichello (by phone), and Chris Crawford

Member Absent: Curt Brungardt

The meeting was called to order.

1. Operations Council, Academic Council and Grand Council

Dr. Crawford provided an explanation on the creation of the Operations Council. Two reasons for the new Operations Council: 1) many of the agenda items on the Provost's Council did not involve the operations part of the Council and were deemed a waste of time; and 2) opportunity to discuss items associated with the operations of the Provost. The Grand Council was created to provide an opportunity for information sharing among the councils. Chris will share academic council agenda with everyone.

2. General Education Forum

Paul Faber and Stephen Donnelly have been asked to begin reviewing the program for possible changes and to have a report by the end of the year on the faculty, staff and students perceptions of where we need to go with the program. Dr. Faber had an idea to host forums that departments would be able to listen to stakeholders on what they want to see from that department as it pertains to the general education program. The report is due to the provost by May 1. Dr. Crawford would like to see the program reduced by 12-15 hours. The goal is to have a general education program between 36-45 hours. He sees the change as more in line with the 120 hours and to increase minor participation.

3. Administrative Goals

Dr. Crawford is open for ideas on how to create a new form. He is interested in the successes, not so successful, the day-to-day processes as well as innovations. This assures him that something is really going on. He wants to use the current strategic plan to create goals for each person/unit.

4. Monthly Position Reports

The monthly reports will be moved to quarterly. The dates will be January 3, April 4, August 1 and December 5. Cindy Cline will notify the administrative assistants of this change.

5. OER Plan

This is a major institutional innovation. Some people are already doing on OER and working on the goals. It was suggested hosting one day or two-day regional conference on campus. Susan and Dennis have been talking with Pittsburg State University and Chandron State state on how to handle various aspects of the plan. Dr. Crawford asked Dennis and Susan to brief him on the OER's before the conference call. There are large depositories of OER's that are out there for anyone to use. Dr. Hammond has agreed to continue funding through action plans.

6. Student Affairs Liaison

Dr. Crawford is looking for someone to attend Student Affairs Leadership Team (SALT) as a representative of Academic Affairs.

7. Website Renovation Project

The current website is really not useable at this point. We are revamping the site. Kristin Rupp is coming up with a new design and set up to be user friendly. Mega menu sheets are going to be used on our page.

8. What Else Do We Need to Know?

The College of Business and Entrepreneurship has a start-up weekend. Dr. Crawford wants to recognize these types of innovations.

The President is retiring. Two members on the search committees are part of the Academic/Operations Council. Dr. Crawford encouraged everyone to speak with the committee members and provide input on the search.

All agenda items are encouraged and should be sent to Cindy Cline.

The Virtual College Student Advisory Committee met last week and had three good recommendations and provided great feedback. This committee will report to the Virtual College this year but next year it will be through the Student Government Association (SGA).

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.