

# Minutes

Provost's Council

April 22, 2008

The Provost's Council met on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in the President's Conference Room (SH 306).

Members present: Jeff Briggs, Tim Crowley, Chris Crawford, Cindy Elliott, Paul Faber, Hong Wang for Dennis King, John Ross, Steve Williams and Larry Gould.

Guest: President Hammond and Gene Rice

## A. Call to Order

Action: The meeting was called to order by the provost.

## ***1. Decision Items***

### a) Faculty Awards

Action: The Provost's Council reviewed the nominees and made their selections. The number of nominees continues to be low but the quality good. Discussion followed on this point. It was suggested announcing previous nominees and winners to the faculty. The Council agreed changing the nomination process would not increase the number of applications.

### b) Diploma Requests

Action: This request was stimulated by SIAS University. They would like sample copies of the diplomas so they can show their students and/or government. The Council discussed the suggested diploma requests for SIAS and Shenyang Normal. Dr. Crawford will submit the official diploma nomenclature to the Registrar's Office. Beijing Normal University-Zhuhai is requesting including the concentration on the diploma for the Bachelor of General Studies degrees even though their students are on our campus. They also want a sample diploma for a dual-degree BGS at Zhuhai and the 2+2 degree before an agreement has been signed. It was agreed to allow the concentration on these diplomas for BNU. However, after discussion with the president, Dr. Linn was instructed to not print sample diploma of degrees that are not in compliance with the agreements. The President wants to confirm with Shawn Chen his preference on what he wants in the agreement (either we keep the name of the degrees that are in the agreement or amend the agreement). It was agreed to hold off on changing the nomenclature on partner school diplomas until the President gives the OK.

## ***2. Discussion/Deliberation Items***

### a) CTELT Liaison

Action: This will improve communication between faculty and CTELT. Meetings will be set up for a regular time through email lists or blogs and maybe two or three face-to-face meetings per semester where the liaison could bring concerns or issues to the meeting. This will specialize the needs of the department. The face-to-face meetings

will be over the lunch hour with CTELT sponsoring the event. The deans would like to talk with their chairs about this initiative and get back to Hong.

b) MBS Direct

Action: Tabled.

c) Analysis of Factors Influencing FR Grade Point Average in 2005, 2006, and 2007

Action: Tabled.

d) Graduate Appeals Policy

Action: This will be discussed at the next PC meeting.

e) Approve Request for Extension Programs in KC Metro – ESU

Action: Tabled.

f) Report on Transfer Students to All Kansas Community Colleges

Action: Tabled.

g) Common Learning Outcomes across the Regents System

Action: Please review the attachment that was included in the agenda. It comes from the COCAO agenda. It was agreed that all Regents universities will have the same outcomes. Faculty Senate has already appointed a committee to review general education courses. Provost Gould is thinking about a more customized general education program for producing outcomes. It will be put back on the agenda as a strategy item.

h) Personal/Social Responsibility Outcomes

Action: Tabled.

i) Five Year Plan for CTC

Action: This is an opportunity to take a look at the CTC for the next five years and provide input. The item will be discussed at a later PC meeting as a strategy item.

j) Minnesota's Online College in High School

Action: Tabled.

### ***3. Informational Items***

a) Presentation to Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority

Action: Informational item.

b) UA to Provide Academic Services for New Chinese University

Action: Information item.

c) Credit Woes May Hinder College-Bound

Action: Information item.

d) Kansas State University Seeking Approval to Rename Unit to School of Leadership Studies

Action: Information item.

e) Some Professors Rue Syllabi Filled with Dos and Don'ts

Action: Information item.

f) Snacks in the Stacks

Action: Information item.

g) 2007 Distance Education Results

Action: Information item.

h) Open University

Action: Information item.

#### B. Announcements/New Business

1) HLC/NCA Accreditation -- Dr. Hammond has received official notification from Steve Spengal the Higher Learning Commission is going to make a positive accreditation for Fort Hays State University until 2014. It is not official until April 28. There were no areas that we need to provide additional documentation.

2) Dare to Dream -- There will be a press conference on Friday morning to update the university on the Dare to Dream initiatives. Dr. Hammond's commitment to growth initiative in 2020 will be: 1) the university will serve 20,000 (7,500 on campus and 12,500 off campus); 2) improve student retention including early warning systems and freshmen first-year experience seminars for all students; 3) new teaching models in the Virtual College to improve the quality of instruction; 4) expand and promote the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) entrepreneurial efforts; 5) pursue the Carnegie Classification accreditation; 6) transfer the Department of Leadership Studies to the College of Arts and Sciences; 7) create the Institute for Leadership; 8) move the Department of Information Networking and Telecommunications to the College of Business and Leadership; 9) infuse Management Information Systems (MIS) into the Department of Information Networking and Telecommunications; 10) recruit 750 international students to come to campus; 10) the University will not move forward with modern language requirement; and 11) reaffirm our commitment to writing across the curriculum, oral communication and computing skills for all students.

3) Department and college changes need to be submitted to COCAO as an informational item. Please submit these changes to Cindy Cline.

4) The University made the change to go to a different mid-term process. The President is considering going back to mid-term grades the way it was before this year. He is asking the deans to visit with the chairs about this before the announcement.

5) The issue of advising and registration with TigerTracks is not working with the advisement for the students. The system is not the problem but the implementation of the new system. The deans were asked to speak with their faculty about this issue.

6) A copy of the English Screening for Non-Native Speakers of English document was distributed to the Council. It was approved by the Council. Provost Gould will ask this be placed on the next President's Cabinet agenda.

7) A copy of the article that Dennis King did was passed out as an informational item.

#### C. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

c: Dr. Edward Hammond  
Dr. Herb Songer  
Mr. Larry Getty  
Dr. Joey Linn  
Dr. Daniel Kulmala  
Ms. Chelsey Gillogly  
Ms. Casey Rackaway  
Provost's Council Secretaries

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