

# Minutes

Provost's Council

January 15, 2008

The Provost's Council met on Tuesday, January 15 at **8:30 a.m.** in the President's Conference Room, Sheridan 306.

Members present: Jeff Briggs, Chris Crawford, Tim Crowley, Cindy Elliott, Paul Faber, Dennis King, Debbie Mercer, John Ross, Steve Williams and Larry Gould

## A. Call to Order

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

### **1. Strategy Items**

#### a) Summer Session in Florida

Action: It was suggested putting advertisements in some college newspapers in Gainesville, Jacksonville and Orlando, Florida about the availability of our summer classes through the Virtual College. The Council will support it if the President is going to provide additional monies for the Virtual College. The provost indicated he has enough summer monies.

#### b) Academic Analytics: Local Analysis of NSSE Results

Action: Dr. Crawford provided an overview of the NSSE analysis. It was noted that virtual college students are scoring higher on most of the responses than the on campus students. It is based on responses from 142 off campus and 220 on campus students. The provost encouraged the deans to share this information with chairs and faculty. Dr. Williams asked if it would be possible to break down the data by college. Dr. Crawford will send the data file to the deans and allow each of them to carve out their own college information.

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

#### a) Army Tuition Assistance Program LOI - eArmyU and GoArmyEd

Action: Back in 2007, the university was required to become part of eArmyU to offer classes to the soldiers. In order to be part of eArmyU, we had to join GoArmyEd. The University sent an application in February 2007 and just received a response (January 2008) that we have been accepted to offer the Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies and the Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership. Being a Letter of Instruction (LOI) member is very important because it allows the soldier to take classes without putting up money. It should be beneficial to our initiative at Fort Riley.

#### b) ABD Minority-in-Summer-Residence Program

Action: The Council agreed to try to recruit students for this program again this year. However, it was suggested changing the date so the deans have a chance to review the applicants to make an offer. The deadline for accepting applications will be March 3

and the deans will meet on March 4 at noon to review the applicants. The provost will provide lunch and Cindy Cline will send out a reminder of the meeting.

c) SIAS Study Abroad and FHSU's Certificate/Minor in International Studies – Paul Faber

Action: Tabled until the next meeting.

d) Promoting Minors through the VC Website – Dennis King

Action: Tabled until the next meeting.

e) Second AGS Degree

Action: Tabled until the next meeting.

f) Chronic Low Performance Notification

Action: The Council would like to review the document and discuss it at the next meeting.

g) Professional Travel Funds for FY 2007 Report

Action: Each dean was asked to prepare a similar document to the one last year. A copy of last year's report was included in the agenda. The college report should be submitted electronically to Heather Munsch in the President's Office by February 1.

h) FHSU Retirement Community/ Community Colleges Take Lead in Retraining Retirees

Action: Tabled until the next meeting.

i) Digital FAQs and Profiles

Action: Tabled until the next meeting.

j) Website/Audit Report

Action: Tabled until the next meeting.

k) VSA Template

Action: Tabled until the next meeting.

### **3. Informational Items**

a) The Weeklong Semester (Attachment N)

Action: Discussed the article on *The Weeklong Semesters*.

b) Malaysia: Center for Education Excellence

Action: Discussed the possibility of Malaysia as a potential country for recruitment of students to FHSU.

c) Complete with Bachelor's

Action: The provost asked for an update on our agreement with Rio Salado College. It is still in process.

d) Teaching Positions in China Example

Action: This ad from *The Chronicle* can be used as a template to advertise positions and to illustrate that other universities are recruiting students and faculty from China.

e) Tilford Conference 2008

Action: COCAO will discuss the final budget for the Tilford Conference at tomorrow's meeting. The provost asked the Council for input on the conference. Dr. Crawford commented that last year's conference was well done and that Wichita State was a good location for the event.

f) PCs in Mediated Classrooms to be Eliminated by Fall 2008

Action: The Council was reminded that PCs will be removed from the mediated classrooms. Faculty will need to bring their tablet/laptop with them to the classrooms. It appears that cost is overriding any teaching concerns. What is the hurry to remove them? There are some faculty and students who do not have access to a computer. What about student presentations? It was recommended by the Council that the University support the upkeep of the PCs in the mediated classrooms for another year. If there are machines in the rooms, leave them in there and let faculty and students know what software and versions of the software is on the machines. The CTC does not have to upgrade the machines; just leave them in the classrooms for another year. The provost will add it to the ITPAC agenda for further discussion.

g) Budget Model

Action: The attachment illustrates the State of Kansas' budget model and what to expect this legislative session.

B. Strategic Planning and AQIP: An Update

Action: No action taken.

C. Announcements/New Business

Action: No action taken.

D. Adjournment

Action: The meeting adjourned at 12:07 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