

Minutes

Provost's Council
May 6, 2008

The Provost's Council met on May 6, 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, Dennis King, Kathy Dale for Debbie Mercer, John Ross, Steve Williams, and Larry Gould

Guest: Tim Chapman

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the provost.

1. Strategy Item

Naming Policies – Tim Chapman

Action: Overview of the Foundation and highlights of the Capital Campaign initiative. Mr. Chapman shared a copy of the naming policy that was approved by the Internal Staff Meeting (ISM). Capital projects include: renovation of Picken Hall, creation of a Museum of Art, creation of faculty enhancement of chairs/professorships, scholarship enhancement of endowed/unrestricted accounts, university projects (college and athletics), etc. The provost asked the Council to brainstorm about other college initiatives that may be present. He would like to talk about this as a strategy item at a later date.

2. Discussion/Deliberation Items

a) Take Picture of the Council

Action: The Council adjourned to take a group picture.

b) Criteria for Nomination of the Outstanding Department Chair Award

Action: Dr. Crawford created a draft proposal to recognize outstanding chairs and the service they provide to the academic community. It is something the Provost is thinking about doing the next academic year. There was discussion on the concept but the Provost wants the Council to continue to think about this item. He will put it back on the agenda in July.

c) Enrollment of Students in Courses Available Only Online

Action: After reviewing the listing, there were only three courses that have a large number of enrollments. There are two solutions available to create an on campus course: seasonal monies or restructure teaching loads. After discussion with the deans, the Provost will go back and talk to Dr. Hammond about the deans' proposal to create an on campus course.

d) Academic Inspirations

Action: The provost put this on the agenda to show how other people use online learning for higher education purposes.

e) DyKnow Software Usage

Action: The president signed the DyKnow Professional Agreement.

f) Program Review

Action: The Regents Performance Review process is undergoing renovation.

Dr. Crawford explained the most recent minima tables for the colleges. He has serious concerns about the data that is showing up with the Regents system. The College of Business and Leadership will be up for review for the FY 2008-2009. Dr. Crawford and Larry Getty will review the data for this college and make any corrections to the minima tables, if needed.

g) MBS Direct

Action: The provost continues to reiterate the importance of the evaluation of distance education courses.

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

Action: Tabled.

i) Graduate Appeals Policy

Action: Tabled.

j) Approve Request for Extension Programs in KC Metro-ESU

Action: Tabled.

k) Report on Transfer Students to All Kansas Community Colleges

Action: Tabled.

l) Personal/Social Responsibility Outcomes

Action: Tabled.

m) Minnesota's Online College in High School

Action: Tabled.

n) Commencement-Faculty Attendance, Celebration and Changes

Action: The provost encouraged faculty to attend Commencement and the after-ceremony in the Victory E. Lounge for students and faculty. Changes to Commencement include: format and size of program, there will be no hooding of the Master's candidates this year to keep within the two-hour time schedule, purchase of banners and flowers for the stage, tabulate the number of faculty attending the ceremony and college banners.

o) Promotion of Study Abroad and Bridging Program

Action: The Council was encouraged to help promote study abroad and bridging program for our students.

3. Informational Items

a) Tuition

Action: Distributed the proposed tuition increases document.

b) Online Learning: An Unexpected Resource

Action: As an informational item to look at the importance of NSSE, the “branding” of a university and supporting community college efforts.

c) But Where Does That Leave French?

Action: It was announced the University will be discontinuing the French concentration beginning with the fall 2008 semester. This article reiterates the decision to discontinue it.

B. Announcements/New Business

1) Harriet Caplan will be working with the Personnel Office to provide harassment and discrimination training for all new employees. Please let chairs and faculty know of this development.

2) Discussion about Search Process Forms online – the provost requested each member provide him with a list of suggested changes/problems with the current process. The Council will ask Harriet and a member of the Computing Center to attend a PC meeting.

3) WAC Program Criteria

Action: This was approved by Faculty Senate and should be shared with chairs and faculty.

C. Adjournment

Action: The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

c: Dr. Edward Hammond

Dr. Herb Songer

Mr. Larry Getty

Dr. Joey Linn

Dr. Dan Kulmala

Ms. Chelsey Gillogly

Ms. Casey Rackaway

Provost’s Council Secretaries

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