

MINUTES
Provost's Council
October 30, 2008

The Provost's Council met on October 30, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in the President's Conference Room, Sheridan Hall 306.

Members: Jon Armstrong, Mark Bannister, Jeff Briggs, Chris Crawford, Tim Crowley, Mary Meier for Cindy Elliott, Paul Faber, Debbie Mercer, Lynn Haggard for John Ross and Larry Gould

A. Call to Order

Action: The Provost called the meeting to order.

1. Strategic Items

a) Interstate Migration of College Graduates

Action: The article talks about which states high school graduates are choosing to pursue their baccalaureate degrees. You can see Kansas isn't doing very well as a location for students to migrate to complete their post secondary education. One of the reasons is that Kansas has a number of students attending community colleges which is not included in the analysis. The Provost asked the Council to review the document and analyze their programs and where they are going with them. Also, if departments want to develop new programs, they should review the document for recruiting potential students. Transfer students usually stay at the University and do very well academically.

b) Comprehensives for Graduate Degrees

Action: For whatever reason, the University has gotten away from requiring all graduate students to take comprehensive exams. The Provost and graduate dean are proposing changing the institutional policy and perhaps modifying it to allow for exceptions and the determination of who makes the decisions for the exception. Dr. Crowley has prepared a revised draft of the current policy that will address these issues. After discussion, the Council agreed that all graduate students should be required to take some type of comprehensive exam that demonstrates the students have mastered the knowledge of the field. However, all agreed the comprehensive exam doesn't have to be in the traditional form. It was also agreed, the graduate dean should play a role in the mentoring/coaching of the department to determine the type of exams for that particular area. Dr. Crowley was instructed to incorporate the discussion items and rewrite the proposal for review by the Council.

c) Internationalization as Part of Entrepreneurialism

Action: The Council needs to sit down and determine where we are going in the market place as a Division of Academic Affairs. One of the important issues is looking at how our departments/programs are moving forward with the internationalization component. Internationalization is not just studying abroad or bringing international students to campus. The Provost asked the deans to review the questions for discussion at a later date.

2. Discussion/Deliberation Items

a) Co-op Program between the University and Bible/Christian Colleges

Action: The schools that we have agreements with are not accredited by regional accreditation agencies. The agreement with FHSU was to accept them provisionally as students and then allow them to enroll in our graduate programs. The thought is to update the agreements and see if we want to pursue these students to come to campus. Jon Armstrong was asked to review the list of colleges to determine if they are accredited or non-accredited. The Provost will talk to people at NCA to see if there are any limitations on pursuing these types of agreements.

b) Non-Contracted Faculty

Action: If an advisor code is not listed on the add/drop form, it goes nowhere. We have to figure out a way to get the add/drops moving through the system. It was suggested providing an advisor code for the department in addition to the individual advisor code to allow the add/drop form to go through the system. This would allow the process to keep moving until the faculty member receives their advisor code from the Budget and Planning Office. The Provost asked Dennis to pursue this option and report back to the Council.

c) Bookstore Report

Action: There was a bill between FHSU and Barnes & Noble that was signed a few months ago which lay out the responsibility of the bookstore and those responsibilities of the University.

d) Summer Session Consolidation of Classes in Fewer Buildings Feedback

Action: We have issues with equipment in Malloy Hall and laboratory equipment in Tomanek Hall. Also, the archives in Forsyth Library must be maintained at a controlled level. Albertson and Cunningham Halls must also stay open. These are all identifiable places that need to have controlled temperatures. It was suggested maybe shutting down everything on Friday. Until we get more information on how precise the temperature can be controlled from room to room, there is really no way to determine how this plan will work.

e) Senior Survey Data

Action: This is sent out to all domestic seniors, it is not sent to our partner schools. This is a self reporting survey of the seniors' impression of the University. Basically, we are doing better in 2008 than 1999. Does the general information need to be distributed to other entities on campus and how? Also, should the general education responses be distributed and, if so, to whom? Chris Crawford was asked to make a list of all the surveys that are distributed to our students. The Council will then review the list and determine who should receive the information and the duplication of questions, etc.

f) Amended Policy for Spoken English Language Competency of Faculty and Graduate Teaching Assistants

Action: Tabled

g) State University Fall 2008 Enrollment Data

Action: Tabled

h) First-Time Freshman Admitted and/or Enrolled Below a 16 ACT Score

Action: Tabled

i) KBOR's New Sustainability Policy

Action: Tabled

j) Reciprocal Agreements

Action: The Council was asked to review the list and to also provide additional agreements the colleges are doing with a deadline of November 14.

3. Informational Items

a) Celebration of SIAS International University's 10th Anniversary

Action: Shawn Chen is trying to generate a crowd of people to attend the festivities. He is offering a deal to allow FHSU faculty to travel to China for \$1400. Anyone interested should contact the Provost's Office.

b) Sloan-C Honors Excellence in Online Teaching and Learning

Action: This shows where we fit in on the awards ceremony. Dennis King and the Provost will be traveling to Florida next week to accept the award for the University.

c) What Deans Expect of Chairs

Action: At some point we will be discussing the evaluation of the deans.

d) KBOR Academic Affairs Master Reporting Schedule

Action: The schedule lists the dates and what we are responsible for submitting to the KBOR.

e) Public Universities

Action: Background information on where we are with state and national policy and the myths of entrepreneurial efforts.

f) Run for Your Lives

Action: For those interested in personal wellness, this article is reinforcement of the importance of health and exercise.

B. Announcements/New Business

Action: None

C. Adjournment

Action: The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

c: Dr. Edward Hammond

Dr. Tisa Mason

Mr. Larry Getty

Dr. Joey Linn

Ms. Casey Kelch

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