

MINUTES
Provost's Council
August 4, 2009

The Provost's Council met on August 4, 2009 at 2 p.m. in the President's Conference Room.

Present: Lou Caplan for Paul Faber, Carl Parker for Mark Bannister, Kathy Dale for Debbie Mercer, Carol Barta (?) for John Ross, Mary Meier for Cindy Elliott, Dennis King, Chris Crawford, Tim Crowley, Jeff Briggs, and Larry Gould

Guest: Jake Glover

A. Call to Order

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

1. Strategy Items

a) Evaluation Instrument

Dr. Gould distributed a draft of the instructional evaluation questions that will replace the TEVAL. Dr. Gould will incorporate the suggestions and will bring this back for one final review before it is finalized.

b) Cornerstone Campaign Division-Level Priorities

Dr. Gould distributed the large ticket items for which the University Foundation will seek to obtain funding. One item that is not on this list is an "international house" which would allow us to bring in outside guests and house them on campus, such as the Fulbright Scholar.

Another item that is not included on this list is an expansion of the wellness initiative for the campus.

2. Discussion/Deliberation Items

a) Official Summer 2009 Enrollment Date to Date

Action: We fared very well with enrollment this summer as compared to a year ago even with the limited number of on-campus courses offered. Dr. Gould wants to begin planning now for next summer. Chairs and Deans need to consider if there are classes we can offer starting in July that might give students options. We also need to determine if there are other courses that deserve to be place in the on-campus environment as opposed to virtual.

Dr. Crowley expressed the need to restore funding for summer research if the budget improves next year.

Dr. Crawford noted it would be helpful if we had some data on the summer learner. Perhaps some of our undergraduate students could be engaged to do some research in this area.

b) Proposal for FY 2010 Undergraduate Research Experience Pilot Program
Action: This pilot program will begin this year. Ultimately, the goal is to have an ongoing funding source for the program. The Research Environment Committee will launch the program. Ultimately it will be housed in the Graduate Office. This should be an AQIP goal and should also be tied to the Research and Creative Activities Week. In the meantime, Dr. Gould asked the deans to take this proposal back to their chairs and bring questions/concerns/suggestions so Dr. Heinrichs can address them.

c) TED Goes Global

Action: Dr. Gould asked Dennis King to check with Hong Wang and Robert Luehrs to see if we have interfaced with TED. If they have not, they need to do so.

d) Contingency Planning for FY2011 Budget Reductions

Action: Dr. Gould received contingency plans for a budget cut from both Business and Leadership and Arts and Sciences. He asked the other areas to submit a contingency plan for a 2-4 percent cut. If we are faced with further budget cuts, we will have to begin looking at cutting programs.

Dr. Gould also noted that the departments should be receiving their current budget printouts from Larry Getty.

e) Summary of Telephone Conversation Regarding Employing Non-U.S. Citizens in China

Action: Dr. Gould received a communication from Todd Powell regarding employment of non-U.S. citizens in China. At this time, the best option for FHSU is to continue to employ only U.S. citizens to work in China. Please inform department chairs involved with the China program.

f) iPhone Application Online Class

Action: Dr. Gould asked Lou Caplan and Dennis King to review this. Blackboard already has an application for the iPhone.

g) Hays or FHSU as "Blue Zones"

Dr. Gould asked Dr. Briggs to share this with Jeff Burnett. There may be ways FHSU can tie into this with our wellness initiative.

h) Hadley Comprehensive Senior Wellness Center Project

Action: Dennis King, Chris Crawford, Jeff Briggs, Lou Caplan, Jennifer Sauer, and Larry Gould attended a meeting this morning regarding this project. Potentially, there are 12-15 disciplines on campus that could be involved in this project. Everett Royer of the Virtual College will coordinate the on-campus involvement on this project.

3. Informational Items

a) Council on Undergraduate Research

Action: Dr. Gould asked the members to review this information to see the benefits FHSU will receive from its membership. Dr. Gould paid the \$800 membership fee this first year.

b) Online Course at the Wharton School Reaches More than 50,000 Students

Action: This article supports the fact that there is a tremendous need for financial education for students at the high school and college-age levels.

B. Announcements/New Business

1. BlackBoard 9

Blackboard 9 will not be available in China for the fall 2009 semester. New faculty will train on Blackboard 9.

2. Sidelite Award

Rob Scott and Dennis King nominated Chris Crawford for the leadership award at the 10th annual Sidelite conference in Kansas City. Chris was selected as the recipient of that award and was not present to receive it. Dr. Gould presented the award to Dr. Crawford.

3. Articulation Agreement with Northcentral University

Dr. Gould distributed copies of the articulation agreement and asked that chairs and faculty be made aware of this program. This is a fully online institution that provides masters and doctoral degrees. Betsy Leeds is interested in the program. We currently have five faculty taking classes from Northcentral: Kenny Rigler, Phil Martin, Jessica Heronemus, Cole Engel, and Jake Glover.

4. ACE Article on "Access, Affordability, and Quality"

Dr. Gould will be working on a presentation for the Washington Monthly. If you find articles on related topics, please refer them to Dr. Gould.

5. Dennis King announced that Steve Gonzales has been hired as the new bookstore manager. He was at FHSU about 10 years ago and worked at the FHSU bookstore for 14 years. Most recently he has been a regional manager in San Antonio, Texas. Steve is excited to be back in Hays and at FHSU.

6. Navy Voluntary Distance Education Program

The Navy is looking for additional schools to provide programs. Please share this with the chairs and let Dennis King know if there are departments who want to participate.

7. Air Force Templates

Dennis King and Lou Caplan were able to get the templates for Air Force programs. That will enable us to get into that market. Also, the military has a new education program for spouses. If we could provide money for book scholarships, we could attract military spouses.

C. Update on EMG Project - Casey Kelch

Action: Tabled

D. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Action: The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

c: Dr. Edward Hammond
Dr. Tisa Mason
Mr. Larry Getty
Dr. Joey Linn
Dr. Jeff Burnett
Mr. Brad Stramel
Ms. Casey Kelch
Provost's Council Secretaries