

Minutes
Provost's Council
May 19, 2009

The Provost's Council met on May 19, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the President's Conference Room, Sheridan Hall 306.

Members present: Jeff Briggs, Chris Crawford, Tim Crowley, Mary Meier for Cindy Elliott, Paul Faber, Dennis King, Micol Maughan, Debbie Mercer, John Ross and Larry Gould

Guest present: President Hammond

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Provost.

1. Strategy Item

The Senior College Option

Action: We have had some activities that would be reflective of a senior college. The Library sponsored some of these activities in the past. There is a continued need for the University to offer classes for seniors. There are three different models denoted in the article. Is there someone in the Library who would be willing to coordinate this activity and then see if there would be classes from the academic colleges included in the program. It is important to prepare a business model for this initiative if we want to do this to create a revenue stream for the University. The Provost is looking for leadership from the campus community to start such a program. Dennis suggested putting together a meeting to discuss this issue with Alumni, Foundation, Library, Virtual College, Liane Connelly, Criquet Cole and Harry Watts and see where this initiative goes. John Ross will include this as one of his goals for the Library.

2. Discussion/Deliberation Items

a) Larry's Expectations: Revenue Growth/Course Additions

Action: The Provost included in the agenda the revenue growth strategies model and the actual course enrollment listing. Some classes have not had their maximum enrollments increased as agreed upon in the model. The academic deans were asked to be sure all of the agreed course maximums are raised to allow more students in the fall classes.

b) Identification of Commencement Celebrations

Action: The Council was instructed to identify and submit to the Provost's Office any Commencement celebrations that are conducted in their area by June 1. The rationale for requesting this information is to create a loyalty to the University. We may need to reduce the number of these celebrations and maybe bring it into the bigger scheme. Please include in the information the attendance, cost and the reason for the event.

c) Chronic Low Performance

Action: Discussed the changes to the MOA that are being requested by AAUP. The Provost will ask Todd Powell for clarification on what is considered the criteria for low performance.

d) Yellow Ribbon Initiative/GI Bill

Action: The President has made a decision to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Initiative.

e) Blackboard Use and Course Syllabi Site Recommendation

Action: Tabled

f) Writing Intensive/Writing Across the Curriculum

Action: Tabled

g) Payment to Faculty for Credit by Exam

Action: Tabled

h) Division of Academic Affairs Cornerstone Campaign Items

Action: The Provost has given Tim Chapman a copy of the items for consideration for the Cornerstone Campaign. The Council was asked to review the draft of priorities the Provost has put together and make any suggestions or changes. This is a list for the entire division and the Council members' priorities should be sent to the Provost.

i) AAUP-MOA Changes

Action: Tabled

j) Millennial Programming and Recruitment

Action: Tabled

k) FY 2008 Direct and Indirect Learning Outcomes

Action: Tabled

3. Informational Item

2008 Distance Education Survey Results

Action: The Provost included this as an informational and a "cornerstone campaign" item.

B. Announcements/New Business

1. President Hammond covered the budget for FY 2010. The proposed increase in tuition will be \$98.20 per credit hour and will be \$1881 for an undergraduate student taking 15 credit hours per semester. This amounts to a 6.3 percent increase from last year.
2. The Council was asked to think about its presentation to the Foundation again this year. The dates are September 4 and 5. We will discuss the final presentation at a later date this summer.
3. An on-campus Tilford Group will be established in conjunction with the Division of Student Affairs. The Council members were asked to think of names of people in academics to serve on the committee, contemplate the structure of the committee and determine the types of activities for the committee. Dr. Mason will be asked to attend a PC meeting in the near future to talk about the committee.

4. If there are any changes to the budget, it will have to come through on a position control document to the Provost.
5. The Provost will put together a summary for each budget unit on the final changes to the budget.
6. Casey and Suzanne will be included on the agenda for the next couple months to update the Council on the EMG initiative.

C. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

c: Dr. Edward Hammond
Dr. Tisa Mason
Mr. Larry Getty
Dr. Joey Linn
Dr. Kenneth Trantham
Mr. Tyler Hughes
Ms. Casey Kelch
Provost's Council Secretaries