

MINUTES
Provost's Council
August 3, 2010

The Provost's Council met on Tuesday, August 03, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in the President's Conference Room, Sheridan Hall 306.

Members present: Mark Bannister, Jeff Briggs, Tim Crowley, and Kathy Dale for Robert Scott, Paul Faber, Dennis King, and Mary Meier for Cindy Elliott, John Ross and Larry Gould

Member absent: Chris Crawford

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Provost.

1. Strategy Items

a) Whither 20th Century General Education: Themes, Issues and Field-Based?

Action: Discussion on learning communities and issues-based curricula as part of the regular curricula. Evolutionary progress instead of revolutionary is what the Provost is looking for with the general education program. The article talks about not measuring general education by ACT/SAT tests but by folios and the integrated learning approach. The general discussion for a good general education program is more courses should be action oriented or a practitioner. One of the problems with the issues-based curricula is it is time intensive for the faculty member.

b) ITPAC Mediated Classroom Survey

Action: The Provost thinks it is important for academic affairs to come up with a schematic/plan of what is a new classroom. It was suggested hiring Educause as a consultant for this project. Dennis has a group of faculty who are interested in preparing a plan for the University.

c) Online Doctorate

Action: John Ross and Tim Crowley have drafted a pre-proposal for an online doctorate degree. At the next Provost's Council (August 24), a decision needs to be made if we want to go forward with this degree. It was suggested calling it a doctorate in distance education and not referenced as an "online" doctorate.

2. Discussion Items

a) Reminder: SCH Growth Strategy was/is not a One-time Thing

Action: The Provost emphasized we are still in the growth strategy until the President tells him different. The chairs need to understand it is not their prerogative to return the enrollment sizes back to what they were in 2008.

b) Cell Phone Stipends

Action: The University has partnered with Nex-tech to offer cell phone packages to faculty and staff. Nex-tech will provide faculty and staff with a 25 percent discounted plan. Faculty or staff on-campus who need cell phones for business, will be provided with the most current technology as a substitute for university cell phones. FHSU will provide an \$80 stipend to any faculty/staff that need cell phones with unlimited phone calls (personal and office). The \$80 stipend will be added to the person's check which will allow that person to purchase any type of phone. All the Westlink phones will be surrendered to the Computing Center and no longer be used. The \$80 stipend will be taken out of a department/budget unit's OOE every month. The university cell phone is \$29.95 per month and has limited coverage but this cost will not be taken out of an OOE budget. The Westlink plan will be discontinued on August 22.

c) Continue to Use HLI in China

Action: The time has come to discontinue our relationship with HLI. We need to develop and sustain our English program with another organization and to beef up our competency. There will be a meeting to discuss these issues.

d) List of Sustainability Projects

Action: Each unit was asked to provide a list of sustainability projects to the Provost by August 13.

e) David Wiley Visit to Campus – Tim Crowley and John Ross

Action: We need to set up an event (days) for him to come to campus. The Council was asked to think about a date and discuss it at the next meeting.

f) Creation of President's Distinguished Scholars Program

Action: This is something Matt Means and Joey Linn have put together and the President has agreed to fund the award. Pass it along to chairs and faculty for recruiting purposes.

g) Department Planning for Facebook

Action: Casey will be asked to speak at the next meeting about the department planning guide for Facebook pages.

h) Organizational Charts

Action: The Council was asked to review the academic and organizational charts and to provide feedback to Cindy Cline by August 18.

B. Announcements/New Business

- 1) Distributed Peer Review document to all members.
- 2) Distributed the New Faculty Workshop agenda to the Council.

C. Adjournment

Action: The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

c: Dr. Edward Hammond

Dr. Tisa Mason
Mr. Larry Getty
Dr. Joey Linn
Dr. Rita Hauck
Mr. Tyler Thompson
Ms. Casey Rohleder
Provost's Council Secretaries