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Provost's Council February 26, 2010

The Provost's Council met on Friday, February 26, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in the President's Conference Room, SH 306.

Members present: Mark Bannister, Jeff Briggs, Chris Crawford, Tim Crowley, Cindy Elliott, Paul Faber, Dennis King, John Ross and Larry Gould

Guests: President Hammond and Dan Kulmula

A. Call to the Order

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

1. Strategy Items

a) Social Media Strategy and Brainzooming

Action: Mike Brown is interested in creating a coherent, comprehensive strategic plan on how to use social media for the University. He would like to come to campus for a day-long retreat to determine what we have in place as far as social media and what are needs are for a comprehensive plan. The following faculty and staff should be involved or invited to the retreat: Andy Stanton, Mark Bannister, Hayley Bieker, Stephen Schleicher, Casey Rohleder, Shala Mills, Dennis King, Chris Crawford, Brent Goertzen, Rob Scott, Tania Alexson, Mary Alice Wade, Robert Moody, Tisa Mason, Trish Cline, Brett Zollinger, Suzanne Klaus

b) Foresight 2020

Action: Reggie Robinson's textual five strategic themes were distributed to the Council. The Provost will put it back on the agenda if the Council feels it is necessary to discuss the document.

2. Discussion/Deliberation Items

a) Doctorate in Online Education at FHSU

Action: This is an area FHSU has a strategic advantage right now. There are a handful of colleges across the country that specializes in an EdD in Online Education. The Council was asked to find faculty who may be interested in pursuing this type of degree. If we do pursue this degree, it has to be an intercollegial/interdisciplinary program. It will be put back on the March 23 agenda for a final decision on whether to pursue creating a pre-proposal to submit to the Kansas Board of Regents.

b) Tenure and Workplace Avenger

Action: Tabled

c) Sabbatical Leave Replacement Monies

Action: Tabled

d) Sending Faculty to St. John's University

Action: Tabled

e) Excellence in Higher Education Approach

Action: Tabled

f) KBOR Distance Education Plan

Action: Tabled

g) NSSE Department Strategy for Improving Results

Action: Tabled

h) Enrollment Review

Action: Tabled

i) Graduate School Operating Papers

Action: Tabled

- j) 2010 FHSU Commencement and Celebration/Recognition Ceremonies Action: It was suggested requesting highlights from attendees at Commencement to submit their video to the University and someone from CTELT can edit them and put them on YouTube.
- k) KBOR Honorary Degrees

Action: Tabled

3. Informational Items

a) FSSE is scheduled for the end of March

Action: Tabled

b) The Web Way to Learn a Language

Action: Tabled

B. Announcements/New Business

1) President Hammond attended the meeting to Discuss On-Campus Graduate Student Analysis and Recommendations

Action: The conclusion from the data indicates there are two things that are impacting the low enrollment of on-campus graduates. One is the availability of on-line VC graduate degrees and the inability to fund graduate teaching assistants. The President believes we have the capacity to increase our enrollment but only if we can provide stipends for these students. President Hammond asked the deans to discuss with their chairs if they can accept additional graduate students in their programs in a short range capacity and in a long range capacity. A discussion should also be initiated about utilizing the strategic plan to increase our numbers and invest in our on-campus programs. The deadline for feedback will be May 1.

2) Writing Intensive Program

Action: Dan Kulmula has visited with a number of departments that are willing to have their courses identified as writing intensive (WI) courses. This is a pilot project and not all departments are involved at this point. The Council was instructed to review the process to determine its accuracy. The Registrar has agreed to identify these courses on the student's transcript. It is important to spread the word about what it means to enroll in an intensive writing course.

- 3) The Provost passed out an invitation from NACUBO to participate in a webcast being held on March 23. The subject of the webcast is sustainability.
- 4) The University is considering purchasing software called SIGNALS. However, to participate in the pilot project, it will cost the University from \$50,000 \$100,000. The President is still interested but it was agreed to delay purchasing until January 2011. SIGNALS is a type of retention software that is built on Blackboard.
- 5) Ranking by Major of Fully Online Programs This is just an informational item for the Council.

C. Adjournment

Action: The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

c: Dr. Edward Hammond

Dr. Tisa Mason

Mr. Larry Getty

Dr. Joey Linn

Dr. Jeff Burnett

Mr. Brad Stramel

Ms. Casey Rohleder

Provost's Council Secretaries