

MINUTES
Provost's Council
January 12, 2010

The Provost's Council met on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 8:45 a.m. in the President's Conference Room, Sheridan Hall 306.

Members present: Mark Bannister, Jeff Briggs, Tim Crowley, Cindy Elliott, Paul Faber, Dennis King, Debbie Mercer, 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) NCKTC Negotiations

Action: The University is getting serious about this negotiation. The President has indicated he would like some feedback in written form about the affiliation by February 1. Provost Gould is looking at other models to prepare a proposal. Each Council member was asked to prepare a list of potential pros and cons of this negotiation and submit them to the Provost.

2. Discussion/Deliberation Items

a) Chronic Low Performance

Action: The next step would be for the Provost to request departments submit their criteria and use the agenda item attachment as the template for that discussion. The Provost will look at the criteria and make changes to the standards and attach it to this document for distribution at one of the Academic Leadership luncheon meetings. The document was approved with minor changes.

b) Student Absences

Action: The Council is not advocating an excused absence, just appealing to faculty to understand the demands of a student to attend other classes or outside projects. Also, as a reminder to faculty to indicate in their syllabi any off-campus projects so a student can make a decision upfront if they meet the requirements for all of their classes. It was proposed to create a form on Lotus Notes that a faculty member would complete and be accessible by all faculty to confirm there is a class trip and which students are participating in the off-campus project. The item was tabled for further discussion.

c) Discuss Perks/Privileges for Being a Special Adjunct Professor
Action: The four college deans will meet and discuss the issue as to if they want to provide additional perks/privileges or to just leave it as is. It will be placed back on the agenda after the deans have a recommendation for the Council.

d) Feedback on Start Faculty Week Early for Integrated Orientation
Action: Discussion followed this item. This would be only for new faculty (not staff or administrative). The Provost is going to move forward with this initiative. The deans were asked to inform the chairs and administrative assistants of the change to the beginning date to August 11, 2010.

e) Jobs in Distance Education
Action: The Provost brought it to the Council's attention of a website where we can post online advertisement for adjunct professors.

f) Discussion of Faculty Senate Resolution
Action: Tomorrow there will be discussion on this Faculty Senate Resolution at the Academy of Academic Leadership. The deans were encouraged to review the document for discussion at the meeting.

g) FERPA Training in Wichita
Action: The Provost made the announcement of the availability of this training.

h) Adult Learner Programming
Action: Distributed earlier in the meeting.

i) Blended Learning Course Design
Action: Distributed document to the Council. It provides a definition of what is a blended learning course.

3. Informational Items

a) Number of International Partners Majors by College
Action: Distribution of a listing as an informational item.

b) G.I. Bill of Goods
Action: An article that is a must-read from Business Week which attacks the for-profit institutions using taxpayer dollars as revenue. We need to do a better job recruiting soldiers to the University.

c) List of Jobs Expected to Grow the Most by 2018
Action: Informational item to be used for strategic planning purposes. There are three areas (healthcare, education and sustainability) that are hot right now and would be good areas to offer an interdisciplinary degree, concentration or

certificate. The Provost talked about creating a sustainability committee. The Council will discuss this as an item on the Provost's Council in about a month.

d) Sales Pitch for a College Education

Action: This is a postcard that Virtual College will be sending out to potential students who have taken classes from FHSU over the past five years but who have not earned a degree. This number is around 7,000.

e) Joint Custody

Action: This is an interesting article on how Franklin put together their agreements with community colleges which may provide a potential model for us.

f) Managing Change on Campus

Action: This is a white paper from Eduventures that discusses sustainability.

g) Chamber Awards

Action: Nominations for the Chamber awards are due by January 15. If anyone has a nomination, please let the Provost know and he will forward it to the President.

h) On-Line Learning Report

Action: Distributed to the Council.

B. Announcements/New Business

1) Distributed the U.S. Department of Education report on Evaluation of Evidence-Based Practices of Online Learning

2) Distributed the Year of the Tiger publication

3) Distributed the Eduventures report on Online Higher Education Learning Collaborative

4) It was suggested the Council write down ideas for improvement of the new website.

C. Adjournment

Action: The meeting adjourned at 12:20 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