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Provost's Council
May 4, 2010

The Provost's Council met on May 4, 2010 at 8:45 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, Debbie Mercer, John Ross and Larry Gould

A. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by the Provost.

Old business
3. Discussion/Deliberation Items
a) AAUP Negotiations
Action: Tabled for discussion at a later meeting.

b) Student Pulse Group
Action: The survey was done by the Office of Student Affairs to determine if we are meeting the expectations of service to our international students.

c) Request for New Doctoral Programs
Action: The Provost updated the Council on the status of preparing a proposal to submit as a doctoral program. If we are putting together a traditional doctoral degree program in education, it will not be passed by the Regents. We need to do something that is unique and different than other degrees that are currently being offered. A pre-proposal will need to be submitted by the fall.

d) Clarifying the Definition of Grants vs. Gifts
Action: Dr. Crowley indicated it is a working document. Grants have characteristics that are different than gifts. Grants have deliverables where gifts do not. The Division of Academic Affairs prepares most of the grants but does not receive the credit. Communication needs to be started.

e) Virtual College Students Only – Fiscal Year 2008
Action: Tabled.

f) "A" is for App Article
Action: Dr. Gould reminded the Council there are students coming through the pipeline asking for mobility.

g) A Template for Best Practice Sharing
Action: Collected ideas should be giving to Chris Crawford.

h) Re-Imaging Undergraduate Education: AASCU's Red Balloon Project
Action: Right now there are 25 provosts involved in this project. This will be the lead article in the Teacher-Scholar Journal. Steve Trout is working with George Mehaffy to create the article for the Journal.

i) Class Attendance, Absence Notices and Records, Absences of Students
Action: Tabled until the next meeting.

j) Accreditation 2.0
Action: Tabled.

k) Reassignment of Faculty
Action: Tabled.

l) Faculty Led Study Abroad
Action: The Council approved the policy. The Business Office has some policies that faculty need to be aware of and should be part of the policy.

m) International Survey
Action: The Council approved the policy.

4. Informational items
2011 IIE Andrew Heiskell Awards: Best Practices in International Education
Action: We would not have won the awards but the Council can take a look at the winners.

b) ESU to Launch Dual Degree Program with China
Action: Informational item. It is really 1+1 and is a lot different than the dual degree program FHSU offers students.

c) Kansas Board of Regents Enrollments for Higher Education Institutions Receiving Postsecondary
Action: Informational item.

d) Percent Population Change
Action: There is no growth in western Kansas according to the survey that was included in the agenda.

New Business
a) Scholarships

Action: The Provost was unaware of what was happening last year. The Presidential Scholarship Program was implemented for incoming freshmen. There were 19 students that accepted this award. The deans were asked to inform their faculty of the program and use it as a resource for recruiting students.

b) Fall 2010 Enrollment Projections
Action: Dr. Linn has projected enrollments for the fall semester. This is being used as targets for recruiting students.

c) KBOR Distance Education Plan
Action: Take a look at the plan, it has been put on hold until the August retreat.

d) Faculty Senate Motion – Guideline
Action: This Faculty Senate resolution talks about the guidelines uses to determine if a course is required to be reviewed by Faculty Senate's Academic Affairs Committee before being submitted as a curriculum change.

e) How Colleges are Buying Respect
Action: If you want to get accreditation, it is easier to buy it than earn it. This article gives some background of a dynamic that is happening right now.

f) Tuition and Fees
Action: Discussed during Dr. Hammond's attendance.

g) Items from Topeka
Action: Discussed during Dr. Hammond's attendance.

B. Announcements/New Business
1) President Hammond attended the Council to update them on the status of the Legislature.

2) Fort Hays State University has signed an agreement with Metro State College which holds potential for the Colleges of Business and Leadership and Health and Life Sciences.

3) Eslita Young is the National Director from Epsilon and is the University's new representative. Epsilon is a type of portfolio system that we have been using for four or five years to track assessment of students.

C. Adjournment
Action: Meeting adjourned at 12:14 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