

**Minutes**  
Provost's Council  
October 12, 2010

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

Members present: Carl Parker for Mark Bannister, Jeff Briggs, Chris Crawford, Tim Crowley, Paul Faber, Jake Glover for Dennis King, Carl Parker, John Ross, Rob Scott and Larry Gould

**A. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Provost.

**1. Discussion Items**

a) Faculty Senate Policy on Evaluation of Chairs/Deans

Action: Provost Gould asked for feedback from the Council. There is concern on how the data is being used and by whom. The instrument itself is good and works well for the evaluation of chairs. It was discussed including adjunct faculty in the survey. The biggest challenge will be using this in a positive way to motivate and provide feedback to chairs. If we could break out the adjunct faculty from the regular faculty, it would be valuable to have their feedback. It would also be helpful to have the chair responses broken out from the faculty on the deans' evaluation. Chris Crawford indicated that is the intent of the document. The Council agreed to include adjunct professors in the evaluations. Faculty should provide some leadership. This gives the faculty a voice in the evaluation of chairs and deans. The Provost believes Faculty Senate should be responsible for administrating the survey and collecting the data and the deans do not want to do that with the survey. The Division II statement should be stricken. The question should focus on AQIP and assessment, not necessarily "new" programs. The sentence might read: Promotes continuous quality improvement of high quality academic programs and certificates. Dr. Crawford was charged with creating a new statement in place of the first question on the dean's survey.

The deans will be responsible for creating and implementing the departments and chairs survey. The Assistant Provost will be responsible for the survey for the deans. The Provost is uneasy about not sharing the results with the Faculty Senate.

b) Appraisal Team Comments and Chicago Strategy Session

Action: The Provost asked for feedback from the Council on the appraisal team comments and if they have any strategy items. The Provost and Assistant

Provost are wanting to review the University's current mission statement. Suggested action items: Seven Revolutions, Greening of the University (sustainability education and operations of the University), research, internationalization of the curriculum and digital scholarship in communication, scientific technology, social psychology initiative as a new degree, developing certificates, retention and persistence, undergraduate research experience and general education changes/seven revolutions, learner outcomes, salary equity and quality management

c) Innovation that Drives Solutions – Hustle and Creativity as a Strategy  
Action: This plays off the FHSU brand, it comes from AACSB and universities must reinvent themselves to remain vital.

d) Research Intensive Course Identification System  
Action: Most faculty are not opposed to the concept but concerned about logistics and whether it would influence students taking courses with the designation. The policy statement can be written to allow it to be optional for students enrolling in the course. The purpose is to lead to a multidisciplinary certificate. Dr. Crowley will set up a meeting that defines the policies and procedures and how it is defined. The document will be brought to the Provost's Council for approval. Faculty reward is the largest obstacle for this project.

e) TED Talk: Great Ideas, Smart People and Technology Equals Collaborative Learning and Knowledge-Creation  
Action: This is a good concept and richness that can be added to the quality of learning at our University. You can learn in multiple ways and venues.

f) Kansas Commitment Legislation  
Action: The Regents have created a document of possible enhancements to be presented to the Legislature and the upcoming Governor with the exception of the three proposals from the regents' institutions have been put on hold by Ed McKechnie, Board of Regents member.

g) Scorecard for KBOR Performance Agreement Goals for FHSU  
Action: These are the results for 2010 and will come up for review in March.

h) Access to KBOR Site:  
Action: If there needs to be revisions, please contact Chris Crawford with them.

## ***2. Informational Items***

a) Alumni Database

Action: A good document that provides data about Alumni Association.

**B. Announcements/New Business**

None

**C. Adjournment**

Action: The meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.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