

Minutes  
Provost's Council  
October 26, 2010

The Provost's Council met on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 9 a.m. in the President's Conference Room, Sheridan Hall 306.

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

**A. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Provost.

**1. Discussion Items**

a) Operationalizing Lecturers and Senior Lecturers

Action: Tabled until the next meeting.

**2. Strategy Items**

a) Report on the AQIP Strategy Forum and Where We are Going

Action: We had four goals: 1) Learning Outcomes (essential learning skills and undergraduate research experience); 2) Enrollment growth (serve for Kansas adult learners, increase Hispanic student enrollment); 3) Alignment (continue alignment with NCKTC, review FHSU mission, vision, values, roles and scope) and 4) Persistence (increase retention of traditional student population to 76 percent, improve persistence of virtual learners, facilitate transfer student success, develop English competencies for cross-border student success). We have to develop KPI's for these goals. These goals were based on the Regents Foresight 2020 plan. One of the components we are missing is the civic competencies that may be included in the essential learning skills. These are areas of special focus for the next five years. Equation of growth versus excellence is the area that the Provost wants to work on.

b) Review of the Website for Academic Affairs

Action: Tabled until the next meeting.

**B. Announcements/New Business**

1) Action Plans – no more than five per department and no action plans less than \$1,000.

2) Regents Agenda Item for Reduction of Number of Hours for Completion of Degree Programs. We are the only institution that requires 124 hours for a degree completion. We are not adjusting the number of hours to 120. The minimum cannot be less than 120 hours for any new programs. The Provost will be sending out an announcement to this effect. We need to change the academic catalog to reflect the university degree requirement. The Provost announced any changes to programs have to be made for next fall. This is a new standard set by the Regents system and all new programs must meet this requirement. Any changes to existing programs will be made by the department and

faculty. There has been a lot interest from students about this issue and here is the University's position on the subject.

3) There is a new Regents transfer and articulation agreement committee chaired by Ed McKechnie. An example of what one state did was included in the agenda. The Regents are going to look at where we are now and come up with a set of recommendations to change our current agreement. If the Regents don't make changes, the Legislature may step in and create the agreement. The big issue is 200-level versus 300-level courses. Each dean was asked to take a look at their coursework and see if any changes need to be made before the Regents do it for us. The 1998 transfer and articulation agreement will probably go away after this committee makes their recommendation.

### **C. Adjournment**

Action: The meeting adjourned at 12 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