

MINUTES
Provost's Council
September 30, 2010

The Provost's Council met on Thursday, September 30, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in the President's Conference Room, Sheridan Hall 306.

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

Guest: President Hammond

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

1. Strategy Items

a) NCK-FHSU Alignment

Action: President Hammond, Provost Gould and other administrators traveled to Bemidji University to discuss their initiative that aligned them with some of the state's technical colleges. This initiative was called "alignment." This concept seemed like a good fit for NCKTC and FHSU. It allows both schools to keep their distinctive characteristics. The NCK board informally approved the alignment strategy with FHSU. This will be explored as a possibility over the next year. President Hammond will be meeting with the chairs, deans and other shared governance bodies to explain how the alignment would work for FHSU and the NCK initiative. President Hammond is committed to two things with this alignment: we will not do anything that will detract from our financial stability and there will be no reduction in our enrollments. We are only interested in increasing enrollments.

b) Distance Education Plan

Action: This is the final version that was passed by the Regents. The Provost is looking for five or six people to work with the him on updating the University's distance education plan. The 1994 version was distributed to the Council. This committee will also use this as a opportunity to improve the quality assurance of our distance education courses and to critique our distance education programs. Members include: Dennis King, Chris Crawford, Rob Scott, Paul Faber, Tim Crowley, Tisa Mason, Rose Arnhold. There will be a meeting which will allow an opportunity for input from various constituents from the rest of the University. The deadline for the final report is December 23.

c) Foresight 2020

Action: This is the final version of the Regents plan for the future. COCAO will be charged with eight or nine alignment goals for the plan. We are to align our goals with this initiative. We now have a strategic plan for the State of Kansas through the Regents system. The Council was asked to look at the document to align our goals, promotion, tenure, learning outcomes, etc. The whole thing must come together for the developing

of academic programs. One of the weaknesses of the plan is too much reporting required by the institutions. It is important that we communicate to faculty about the plan; use it as a compass for direction.

d) New Programming

Action: The Council discussed various new programming in progress at the University including: COBL's engineering degree, exploratory phase of a master of professional studies and working on social psychology degree, mobile phone programming certificate and a gaming certificate and possible EMT training through paramedic training.

2. Discussion Items

a) Disciplinary Advisees by College, Department and Faculty

Action: Tabled.

b) Faculty Senate Policy on Evaluation of Chairs/Deans

Action: Tabled.

c) Appraisal Team comments and Chicago Strategy

Action: Tabled.

d) Innovation that Drive Solutions –Hustle and Creativity as a Strategy

Action: Tabled.

e) Research Intensive Course Identification System

Action: Tabled.

B. Announcements/New Business

The Provost distributed the list of FHSU Faculty and Staff who have access to update the University website. The Council was asked to review the list and let him know who should be invited to the training session that Ecktron has indicated they will put on for us.

C. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40p.m.

c: Dr. Edward Hammond

Dr. Tisa Mason

Mr. Larry Getty

Dr. Joey Linn

Dr. Rita Hauck

Mr. Tyler Thompson

Ms. Casey Rohleder

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