

MINUTES
Provost's Council
January 25, 2011

The Provost's Council met on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 8:30 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, John Ross, Robert Scott and Larry Gould

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

1. Discussion Items

a) Feedback on Midwest Student Exchange Program

Action: The Board of Regents will be lifting the ban on the courses from MHEC. All of our courses will now be listed on this website.

b) Feedback on Deans Sending Welcome Letters to Parents

Action: The deans agreed to send out letters to first-time, full-time freshman who graduated the same year they enroll at FHSU. Chris Crawford will contact Jane about running the report and labels for the deans. The deans will meet and create a template for the letter to be sent out for fall 2012.

c) KBOR Core Outcomes Initiatives

Action: Regent McKechnie has been charged with the creation of a transfer and articulation (T/A) task force to look at this issue. The core competency project is now the starting point of the T/A. The Provost wanted to let the Council know what is going on with this task force. A lot of the same comments made today were also voiced at the last COCAO meeting. They are moving in the direction of technology to solve this problem but the institutions will be providing the content.

d) Soliya - Technology and Internationalization

Action: The Provost saw this product at the eCitizenship conference. It works really well for the China or Turkey operations. Right now the company has too many American institutions and not enough international partners.

e) Monday Marketing Minute

Action: This article reflects what was discussed about revising the Academic Affairs webpage.

f) Blackboard Automated Course Creation Policy

Action: Students will be uploaded into Blackboard on the Friday before classes start.

g) Gates Offer Major Money for Technology-Inspired Learning

Action: Dr. Crowley indicated our application was turned down.

h) Retention: Graduation and Loan Default Rates for Peer Institutions

Action: The signs of successful institutions include: good retention rates, students graduating in six years and students leaving with low loan debt. Chris Crawford ran a report of these three categories for us and our peer institutions. We don't look great at the national level but we don't look bad against our peers.

2. *Decision Item*

Consider Nomination of Past Recipients for Faculty Awards

Action: It was decided the deans and chairs will review the nominations and make a determination to bring past recipients forward for nominations.

3. *Informational Items*

a) First Adopters

Action: We need to do more with YouTube.

b) Hurdling Toward Campus-wide E-portfolios

Action: Provost Gould wanted to know where we are with ePortfolios on campus? Dennis King indicated it is spotty on campus. The Provost then asked the question of where we are using the Epsilon product? The Provost suggested meeting after the semester and talking about the direction the University is going with e-portfolios.

c) Tools to Enhance Distance Learning

Action: These categorize the tools to use for the appropriate applications.

d) The Hidden Costs of Low Four-Year Graduation Rates

Action: The article talks about the hidden costs to society and the economy when students don't graduate in four years. It was suggested that we need to do better here at FHSU.

e) First Two Years of College Wasted?

Action: This book is making progress across the country, even in KBOR. The topic is getting a lot of play.

f) Charge to the Net-Price Calculator Work Group

Action: This is old news. The University has decided to purchase VSA because the calculator comes with it for free. All of the state universities in the Regents system will be using this calculator.

g) Study Abroad in China

Action: The Obama administration has pushed for Americans to study abroad in China but the problem is it is a non-funded mandate.

B. Announcements/New Business

a) The University has licensed blackboard mobile to be available on April 1. We will be the first university in the area to have a mobile application. Nex-tech has agreed to the partnership to create applications for blackboard mobile. Gavin Buffington has agreed to chair a team working on mobile apps for campus.

b) The Provost briefly discussed the budget with the Council.

c) A new building has been discussed for the Virtual College which will be funded by tuition increases.

d) The increase in enrollments is causing a lack of resources to handle the large number of students who are calling in for help. We will have to begin working together. Right now there are three different offices that provide help to our clients.

C. Adjournment

Action: The meeting adjourned at 12:15 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