

MINUTES
Provost's Council
June 14, 2011

The Provost's Council met on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 8 a.m. in the President's Conference Room, Sheridan Hall 306.

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

Guests: Andrew Weiss

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Provost.

1. Strategy Item

a) None

2. Discussion Items

a) Digitization Initiatives Presentation

Action: The following factors: project planning, project selection, metadata, and item selection drives the accuracy and the definability of collections. The Master's Thesis collection is the cornerstone of the collection and the Library would like to have other departments provide information for the collections. Andrew requested permission from the deans to begin talking to chairs and faculty about the digitization project.

The question was raised about allowing Forsyth Library to offer credit for courses. John was instructed to create a proposal to partner with departments to offer courses. Once the proposal is ready, it should be presented to Faculty Senate. It would not change Forsyth Library's mission, it would add value to it. No decision was made today, asked the Council to think about it.

b) College Network

Action: College Network connects students with colleges. Think of it as a recruiting arm to the university. They look at universities and clientele and match them up. They are interested in partnering with FHSU for three or four programs. They have courses that we accept as ACE credit but some other courses we currently do not accept can be negotiated in the contract with college network. The academic deans were asked to provide one program from their college to Dennis to begin negotiating with College Network. It will be put back on the agenda in July for a final decision if we want to go forward with the contact.

c) Proposed Changes to Annual Merit Review Schedule

Action: The Provost would like to adjust the dates and will be working on a template that can be used by all departments to evaluate merit.

d) Transfer and Articulation Task Force Update

Action: This is the final version of the report. It will be approved at KBOR this week.

e) Consider Campus Distance Education Plan

Action: Plans were acceptable by the Regents. The key to a good goal statement is to use distance education as strategic asset not just a delivery vehicle.

f) Academic Program Review Report

Action: Tabled

g) Tuition and Fees for FY 2012

Action: The attachment indicated the proposed tuition fees for all state universities for the next academic year. It will be decided at tomorrow's KBOR meeting.

h) Website Development for Academic Affairs

Action: Asked Council to review the "site map" of what will be on the academic affairs website. It will be put back on the agenda for further discussion.

3. Decision Items

a) Administrative Calendar 2011-2012

Action: Tabled for further review until the next meeting. A question was raised about the final date for the NTT faculty.

b) Tenure and Promotion Timelines 2011-2012

Action: Approved by consensus.

4. Informational Items

a) Strengthening Higher Education for Texas' Future

Action: Informational Item – This is a good rendition on how higher education should work.

b) Small-Town University Celebrates Diversity of Its Revenue Streams

Action: Small-Town University is on a military base. The Provost thought it would strike a cord with the Council since this town operates similar to FHSU.

B. New Business/Announcements

1) Distributed Virtual College Advising Center draft proposal. A decision will be made in the middle of July on whether to go forward with it.

2) Distributed the Kansas Private/Postsecondary Education Report

3) Distributed a document that was submitted as FHSU's response to Goal 6 in the Foresight 2020 document.

C. Adjournment

Action: The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

c: Dr. Edward Hammond
Dr. Tisa Mason
Mr. Larry Getty
Dr. Joey Linn
Dr. Chap Rackaway
Mr. Tyler Thompson
Ms. Casey Rohleder
Provost's Council Secretaries