

MINUTES  
Provost's Council  
June 21, 2011

The Provost's Council met on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in the President's Conference Room, Sheridan Hall 306.

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

Members absent: Chris Crawford

**A. Call to Order**

Action: The meeting was called to order by the Provost.

2. Discussion Items

a) Discussion on Annual Merit Timeline

Action: Approved by the Provost's Council. The Provost will talk with Todd Powell about the changes and confirm if the timeline needs to be discussed with AAUP-FHSU.

b) Academic Program Review Report

Action: This is a reminder to the College of Arts and Sciences to be prepared for next year. Governor Brownback may be cutting additional academic programs in the coming year. The Council was encouraged to take a look at the program report which includes what has happened to the other schools as well as FHSU as to cutting of programs.

c) Faculty Exchange Opportunities

Action: The Provost is looking for faculty who are interested in a faculty exchange program with the Minority School in China for the summer. Any additional faculty member's names should be forwarded to Cindy Cline by July 15. The China College wants to have the exchange program during the academic year and Dr. Hammond is only willing to have the exchange in the summer. The time frame is the big question and also if their faculty are coming to FHSU. Dr. Gould will provide the President with the list and will get more details from him. The exchange will be for the summer 2012 if all of the pieces fall into place.

a) Administrative Calendar 2011-2012

Action: Approved by consensus.

b) Faculty Member of the Year Award Selection

Action: The Council reviewed the applicants and a decision was made. The winner will be announced at the Fall Convocation.

c) Edmund Shearer Advisor of the Year Award Selection

Action: The Council reviewed the applicants and a decision was made. The winner will be announced at the Fall Convocation.

## **B. Announcements/New Business**

### 1) OOE and Student Labor Decisions

Action: The Provost will distribute the OOE and Student Labor Allocations to the Council members today. The deadline to return the information to the Provost is: June 23, 2011.

### 2) Projected Enrollment

Action: The Council discussed the projections for 2011. The data is broken out by classification, headcount and student credit hour production (SCH). Joey Linn has revised the projections to include a break down of the virtual college students and partnerships. We are thinking about funding the Student Engagement Center out of the domestic virtual college and international fee. If the Center is approved, the Graduate School will put together a plan for advising graduate students as part of it. The provost is not opposed to coming up with a formula for providing SCH to faculty who are teaching in interdisciplinary programs but it has to be equal across the board.

### 3) Eduventures Reports

Action: Distribution of handouts from the Eduventures Annual Meeting. The first report indirectly refers to the KBOR Foresight 2020 plan. On page four, it demonstrates what ranking format would be used if members of the Eduventures group would decide to go that way. Eduventures is proposing putting together a ranking system of their own instead of following a ranking system put together by other entities such as U.S News World Report, etc. The purpose of the handout was to have the Council think of other initiatives we can do here at FHSU. The second handout is where non-profits like our institution are going in the future. A lot of the comments from the group about the solution to the economic troubles are the expansion of higher education to generate distance education courses. Dennis pointed out that there has been a 30 percent increase in distance education courses since 2007. His point is there is going to continue to be a large market for distance education classes and the sector is growing fast. We need to think about growing faster if we want to stay competitive. The Provost is going to need the Council's red balloon project by the end of July. He needs to put together this information for his Fall Convocation presentation.

## Informational Items

a) The purpose of the article is to recognize the entire SUNY system is going to agents and we should hire agents to recruit as well.

b) Compete to Complete: NGA Common Completion Metrics

Action: Informational Item

c) Commission Guidance on Determining Qualified Faculty

Action: Informational Item

d) The TOEFL iBT Speaking Section  
Action: Informational Item

D. Adjournment

Action: The meeting adjourned at 11:30 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