

**MINUTES**  
Provost's Council  
November 15, 2011

The Provost's Council met on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in the President's Conference Room, Sheridan Hall 306.

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

Guests: Curt Brungardt

**A. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Provost.

***1. Discussion Items***

a) American Democracy Project (ADP) 2.0

Action: The Center for Civic Leadership decided to reevaluate the ADP program on campus, determine how we can move forward by assessing our effectiveness in developing civic engaged students and by reviewing the programming. Curt will be working with faculty and students to identify ways we can creatively use civic engagement on campus. The National office heard about what we are doing and asked to use FHSU as a model for other universities. A national blog was set up for feedback and a survey will go out in the spring semester to see how ADP is perceived by our faculty, students and community players. The FHSU will provide our results at the national conference. ADP is part of the Red Balloon Project. Within the next year, we will review the feedback and revise the ADP project on campus. It was suggested having a civic engagement committee on campus. The CCL has partnered with the Forsyth Library for the TimesTalk, Truman and Eisenhower Libraries. Curt will come back in the spring and update the Council on the status of the initiative.

b) Acculturation Course for International Students

Action: Tabled.

c) Freshman Orientation Course Discussion

Action: The Provost announced the Student Affairs Division will be offering a Freshman Orientation course. No one from the academic affairs division has been consulted for input into the course. The course has not been completed so the Provost could not share it with the Council. He asked for thoughts from the Council. Dr. Mason explained to ISM that this is mostly an orientation course, not academics. The Graduate Dean nor the College of Education and Technology Dean were aware of the fact that Student Affairs is offering a Master's Degree for our students.

d) Intersession Progress from last meeting

Action: Craig Karlin is looking at the Boise State model and one other university before a final decision has been made. The committee has come to an agreement on some issues. Such as: all intersession courses would include some type of travel, the structure of the contracts would be different and all courses would require a deposit of some kind. The idea is to keep the parameters the same for all of the courses. The intersession course would have to begin the first Monday after the fall semester ended and conclude at the end of the second week of January. We are looking at fall 2012 as the first semester to offer a course. The deadline for submission of a recommendation is January 15, 2012.

e) Transfer Student Success from last meeting

Action: It seems to the Provost there is value in having one or two transfer students be included on our website or on the Admissions website.

f) Advanced Placement Proposal

Action: There is an AP grant that the State of Kansas has received but unfortunately it has not been publicized in the western part of the state. The Committee in charge is very interested in getting the word out to School Districts and K-12 teachers. If there is anyone interested, someone from the Committee is willing to come out to FHSU to make a presentation.

g) Faculty Input Survey

Action: This is the morale survey that is being sent to all faculty which follows the Regents standard survey which is used at other state universities in the Regents system. What are they going to do with the results? Nothing far reaching but will be submitted to the Regents for review.

h) Advantages and Disadvantages of Various Partnership Models with Indian Institutions

Action: You are given these models to be used for other partnerships in the future. This was put together as part of the grant.

i) Foresight 2020: Reports and Activities involving SCOCAO and COCAO

Action: A List of SCOCAO and COCAO deadlines was distributed to the Council. The Provost wants to put together an administrative calendar for the University based on this information. He asked Chris to work on it.

j) Performance Agreement/AQIP Goals

Action: All of these AQIP goals will be retired on December 1 and the performance agreements will become our new AQIP goals. Our performance agreement was approved last week by KBOR.

k) Approaches to Survey Completion

Action: The only way we can use Digital Measures electronically is if an entire class submitted the surveys but we are not able to use it for individual students. The Provost asked if the Web Development Committee could look into the possibility of using TigerTracks to track this. The deadline to put it back on the agenda is February 1.

l) eLearning Index

Action: A summary of the degrees that are the highest in demand throughout the country.

m) Master of Professional Studies (MPS) Degree

Action: There are a few curriculum changes in INT before final submission of the proposal. The Council agreed to move forward on this degree proposal. Dr. Gould wants to also move forward with the Global English proposal as well.

**2. Decision Item**

a) Faculty Awards

The Council reviewed and decided the award recipients for the fall 2011 semester. The awards will be distributed to the faculty members in their classroom and, will also be recognized at the University Christmas Party. The information is confidential until the awards are presented.

**3. Report from the Future/Informational Items**

a) Is China Turning Against Foreign Businesses

Action: Informational Item.

b) Why We Need Not Envy the Chinese

Action: Informational Item.

c) The Math Emporium: A Silver Bullet for Higher Education

Action: Informational Item.

d) Mission vs. Vision

Action: Informational Item.

e) Academic Affairs Priority Listing of Action Plans

Action: Tabled.

**B. Announcements/New Business**

Action: None

**C. Adjournment**

Action: The meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm.

- 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