

MINUTES
Provost's Council
October 18, 2011

Members of the Provost's Council met on Tuesday, October 18, 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, John Ross, Robert Scott, and Larry Gould

Guest: Phil Wittkorn

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Provost.

1. Discussion Items

a) Review Office of Strategic Partnerships Resource Guide and Protocols Document
Action: The concern is that we have so many documents and need to make sure all of them have the same information in them. We don't need another policy handbook, we need a protocol document that has non-academic issues for our partners to use. The document is clarifying the purpose of training, participation of training and other things that have not been put down on paper but are practice. It was suggested adding a list of FHSU contact people and include Blackboard tutorials to the document. Another suggestion was to delete specific names in the document since personnel can change. The Provost indicated we should change the title to Credit by Documentation from Advanced Standing Credit. A statement should be added indicating this handbook supplements the Faculty and Unclassified Staff Handbook, it does not replace it. It was suggested showing this to the FHSU-AAUP since the FHSU China teaching faculty are in the bargaining unit. Also change the title of the document, add an approval date and include a review cycle.

b) Discuss Action Plans

Action: The Council reviewed the Academic Affairs action plans for 2011. Each budget director was allowed to comment on which action plans are a priority for their area. The academic deans were asked to identify one department action plan that is critical to their area and send a note to the Provost by the end of the week.

c) Fort Hays State Honor Society (FHHS) Presentation

Action: Three members of the Fort Hays Honor Society gave a presentation to the Council about what the society does and their goals/objectives. The Group invited the Council to the Faculty Appreciation Dinner on November 30, 2011 at 6 pm in the Black and Gold Room. The Provost agreed to fund the dinner again this year. The Provost suggested adding a wish list for the Society when they present to the Council next year.

d) Emeriti Council

Action: Tabled.

e) Student Compliance to Complete Surveys
Action: Tabled.

2. Report from the Future/Informational Items

a) MDC 2011 Fall Workshop Series

Action: The Provost has purchased 10 slots for the fall and spring semesters. If anyone is interested in attending one of the workshops, contact Cindy Cline in the Provost's Office for processing.

b) INDIA: Implications of the Foreign Education Bill

Action: Informational Item.

c) JCCC Job Expo

Action: Informational Item.

B. Announcements/New Business

1) The Council agreed to the date of April 12, 2012 for Anya Kamenetz to come to campus as a speaker to faculty and students.

2) Discussed the Key Performance Indicators Goals for the execution of a strategy to implement a Virtual College Student Engagement and Advising Center. It was suggested to remove Goal Objective 4 and replace with improve student engagement. Dennis King and Chris Crawford were asked to revise the document and present it to the Provost by Friday.

3) Distributed the Chronicle of Higher Education article on modernizing Saudi Arabia Courts Foreign Academic Partners with Cash – Saudi Arabia is a target of opportunity for us because the Saudis now believe that women can play a role in education with the online learning component. Cindy Elliott was asked to visit Saudi Arabia as her next project to work on a MOU with them. She indicated she will be traveling to Turkey and then on to Saudi Arabia.

4) Distributed Tisa Mason's report on the Learning Communities project.

C. Adjournment

Action: The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 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