

MINUTES
Provost's Council
September 27, 2011

The Provost's Council met on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in the President's Conference Room, SH 306.

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

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: Tabled until next agenda.

b) Gifts, Prizes, Awards and Promotional Items Purchased

Action: The Council was asked if they experienced having to utilize this policy. Most of the Council members have done so.

c) James Pierce and the World Record for the Most Degrees: Do We Need a Policy?

Action: We can't continue to move courses back and forth that are not paid for by the student. This doesn't make sense logically. Courses should not be counted toward two degrees. Do we need to have a policy to limit this type of use of courses? A policy should be that the student will be required to pay for the services. Part of the discussion is the use of federal financial aid and how the university cannot limit the use of these funds for the degrees. Drs. Crawford, Crowley and Will were asked to meet with Joey Linn to discuss coming up with a solution on the how to handle this particular student and what kind of policy (if any) we need to create to handle a similar type of situation. They will report back to the Council.

d) Department Criteria Guidelines

Action: Provost asked the REC to come up with guidelines for scholarship. The Council was asked to review the recommendations by the Committee. He is still looking for the criteria to develop department criteria. This is not exactly what he wanted from the REC. The first three are good but the others are process variables. It seems like these are best practices not guidelines. He is looking for criteria to judge course design and development. However, he would like to continue the discussion on these criteria with the Council. It was suggested establishing a scholarship committee to validate what is considered scholarship/research.

e) Council of Professors Emeriti

Action: Tabled.

f) Date in April for Anya Kamenetz Visit

Action: The date has been selected as April 12, 2012.

g) Changes to Foresight 2020 Learner Outcome Goals

Action: There have been changes to the document and KBOR will be looking at making changes to the date and outcomes.

h) Study Abroad Scholarships

Action: Tabled.

i) Common Core Standards

Action: Tabled.

j) Faculty Productivity "Directions"

Action: Tabled.

k) ITPAC Information

Action: Tabled.

2. Informational Items

a) K-State Strategic Plan

Action: This is a look at the K-State strategic plan without number. Dr. Hammond will give a presentation to the KBOR using history of the University plus a vision for the future. We will be retiring the performance scorecard in the form it currently is in.

b) Guidelines for Creating a Living and Learning Community

Action: The University is looking to expand the learning communities from six to eight next year. Dr. Mason has been told to work directly with the departments on creating new learning communities.

c) Hunger Dialogue Documents. The Regents passed the proclamation and are asking us to continue to make it part of what we do.

d) Apps + Micro-sites: the Future

Action: In the future, there will be no need for websites, just apps. This is just information on the future.

B. New Announcements/Business

1) The new Transfer and Articulation Agreement document that the Regents are trying to pass as a mandate to transfer 45-credit hour general education from one Regent university to another was distributed as a handout at the meeting. The goal is to use the core outcomes project to align all of the courses that are to be transferrable among the Universities. The quality assurance will be put in the agreement.

2) Discussion about limiting the number of courses required for degree completion.

3) All Provost Council members and the department chairs received a copy of Chapter 5 of Gardner's plan for assessment. This could be used to set goals for affinity diagrams.

4) The Provost will add Advanced Standing Credit to the next agenda. The Council was asked to review the current policy.

C. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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