

Minutes

Provost's Council

April 12, 2007

The Provost's Council met on April 12, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in the President's Conference Room, SH 306

Members present: Jeff Briggs, Chris Crawford, Cindy Elliott, Paul Faber, Debbie Mercer, John Ross, Steve Trout, Steve Williams and Larry Gould

A. Call to Order

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

1. **Strategy Items**

a) Early Enrollment Period for Degree Seeking Students Taking Classes through the Virtual College

Action: Discussed the possibility of allowing strictly VC students the ability to enroll in VC classes before any other student constituency.

b) Fort Riley Update

Action: At the ACME meeting in Fort Riley, FHSU was recognized by Reggie Robinson, Sheila Frahm and Harold Stones. Jerry Moran is also going to contact Fred Rodriguez. The Provost is fairly confident that FHSU will be asked to join the consortium and be able to offer classes to the soldiers.

2. **Discussion/Deliberation Items**

a) Elimination of 15 Passenger Vans and the Implications

Action: Discussed the elimination of these vans because of the insurance costs. Some departments would be impacted by this elimination because they are used for student field trips.

b) Writing Center Services

Action: President Hammond was concerned about VC students not being able to take advantage of the on-campus writing center and its services. The university purchases membership to the website, "Smarthinking.com," which provides tutoring for all students, including our VC students. This gives the VC students the same type of service as the writing center.

c) Rationalization of Computer Labs

Action: It has been discussed at ISM meetings to eliminate some of the less used computer labs. A list of the labs was included in the agenda. If there are any labs that need to be kept open, please send rational to Mike Barnett.

d) Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Action Plan

Action: The provost will submit an action plan next year to organize a fellowship on campus. It would be great for faculty to have such a fellowship associated with FHSU.

e) First Year Experience

Action: The University needs to begin a comprehensive First Year Experience for our students. Dr. Debbie Mercer will represent the academic unit to work with the student affairs initiative.

f) Commencement Faculty Graduate Congratulatory Meeting

Action: The Commencement Committee are planning on organizing a meet-n-greet meeting after commencement to allow students to visit with faculty. The deans were asked to check with chairs for input on the possibility of having this type of event.

B. YOTD: Progress Report

Action: No report

C. Strategic Planning and AQIP: An Update

Action: No report

D. Announcements/New Business

1) An example of the scholarly agenda from Portland State University was discussed. It was suggested using quality and significance of scholarly activity.

2) Faculty Senate will have a presentation of an alternative evaluation instrument to the TEVAL.

E. Adjournment

Action: The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

c: Dr. Edward Hammond

Dr. Herb Songer

Mr. Larry Getty

Dr. Joey Linn

Dr. Richard Lisichenko

Mr. Drew Thomas

Ms. Casey Rackaway

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