

Minutes

Provost's Council
April 17, 2007

The Provost's Council met on April 17 at 8:30 a.m. in the President's Conference Room.

Members present: Jeff Briggs, Chris Crawford, Cindy Elliott, Paul Faber, Dennis King, Deb Mercer, John Ross, Art Morin for Steve Trout, Steve Williams and Larry Gould

Guests: Kathy Dale, Gene Rice, Jerry Stark, Steve Sedbrook

A. Call to Order

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

1. Strategy Items

a) Broadening the Definition of Scholarship/Quality and Significance as Standards—
Gene Rice

Action: Dr. Rice, the president of the Research Environment Committee (REC), talked to the Council about the items they are working on as a group. They include: Scholarship of Engagement, Research Mentors, and Summary Report on the Research Climate for Department Chairs.

b) Research Mentors – Gene Rice

Action: The REC Committee has been working on a plan to help faculty with the research component of their responsibilities. The REC plans to send a proposal to the deans requesting identification of faculty who would be willing to serve as college-level mentors for the college. The mentors would receive a stipend for serving in this capacity.

The provost indicated he would pay ½ the cost for one chair to attend a conference to present the findings of the publication.

2. Decision Making Items

a) Faculty Awards

Action: Three recipients of the faculty awards were selected. These faculty will receive a stipend of \$500 and be presented with the award during one of their classes.

b) Class Schedule Preparation Calendars and Early Registration Dates for 2008-2009

Action: The Council approved the calendars and dates for 2008-2009.

3. Discussion/Deliberation Items

a) On-line Faculty, Administration and Staff Information Management Systems

Action: The provost will have further discussions with this organization to explore the possibility of purchasing the software.

b) Jobs for the Future

Action: Dr. Gould will contact Nancy Hoffman from the Lumina Foundation indicating we are interested in participating in the pilot project of a cost analysis for assessing cost-effectiveness of innovative undergraduate programs aimed at improving retention and completion.

c) Bahcesehir University Vocational School 2+2 Degree Program

Action: Discussed the final agreement between FHSU and Bahcesehir University. One of the exceptions was made by COBL to allow students to take the finance and marketing courses in Turkey. The students will have acquired a B2 score but FHSU currently doesn't accept B2 scores. However, the provost has agreed to make an exception this time. He will send a note to Dr. Linn about this exception.

d) The "Take Rate" Game

Action: The Admission List for each department will be sent by the Admissions Office to each department chair and academic dean.

e) The Digital Campus Institute – John Ross

Action: Mr. Ross gave a report on his observations at the Digital Campus Institute. The key points include: 1) there are a large number of institutions going to laptops; 2) nobody is paying attention to best practices; 3) no one is paying attention to customer service; 4) faculty need to start making presentations and showing our successes; and 5) we have been very good at FHSU at not making the "mistakes."

B. YOTD: Progress Report

Action: No report

C. Strategic Planning and AQIP: An Update

Action: No report

D. Announcements/New Business

1) A New International Student Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15-Friday, August 17.

2) The status of the Tiger Transport is that it is operational but we are seeking community sponsorship to support the initiative.

3) Consideration of confidential proposal

E. Adjournment

Action: The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

c: Dr. Edward Hammond

Dr. Herb Songer

Mr. Larry Getty

Dr. Joey Linn
Dr. Richard Lisichenko
Mr. Drew Thomas
Ms. Casey Rackaway
Provost's Council Secretaries