

# Minutes

Provost's Council  
July 12, 2007

The Provost's Council met on Thursday, July 12 at 2 p.m. in the President's Conference Room.

Members present: Jeff Briggs, Chris Crawford, Tim Crowley, Cindy Elliott, Paul Faber, Jake Glover for Dennis King, Deb Mercer, John Ross, Steve Williams and Larry Gould

## A. Call to Order

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

### **1. Strategy**

China De-briefing

Action: Drs. Gould, Williams, and Ms. Elliott provided an overview of their trip to China and the potential of student recruitment for FHSU if we are asked to join the AASCU-CCIEE-CEAIE Consortium. There are many benefits to joining the Consortium. One of them is that the procedures are already in place and we can use the templates to plug in our own courses to determine their equivalency with the Chinese requirements. Also, these schools have been approved by the Chinese Ministry. We will not have to go through that process. There will be many opportunities for faculty and students to participate in professional development and student exchange programs. After the first year, there is the potential to partner with other Chinese universities outside AASCU. These students will be on campus participating in various types of dual degree programs such as 1+2+1, 1+3, etc. Right now, we can only focus on the Hospitality Management Program but the provost hopes it will branch out into a number of other academic areas. The deans were asked to visit with the departments to determine if it is conceivable to match our programs with the Chinese university. The item will be placed back on the agenda in about a month.

### **2. Decision Making Item**

Recipient of Faculty Member of the Year Award

Action: The winner was selected for the award. The faculty member will be recognized at the General Faculty Meeting.

### **3. Discussion/Deliberation Item**

Update on Smarthinking.com – Cindy Elliott

Action: The four course content areas will be: mathematics, statistics, composition and economics and will be the first courses Smarthinking.com wants to roll out with the cooperation of FHSU. Burke Smith would like to work with our faculty who know the content of the subject area and have historical background with distance learning to review the documents to ensure the courses have the academic integrity to be offered for credit. Burke does not want faculty on the task force who require proctors. Cindy asked PC to review the names to be sure the identified faculty are the ones to work with on this project. She will contact these people next week to begin working on the task force. Spring 2008 is the timeline for offering these courses.

The selected faculty are: Lanee Young, John Ross, Keith Dreiling (Jeff Sadler-alternate or Bill Weber-alternate), Robert Moody, Chris Bennett and Carl Parker

#### B. Announcements/New Business

##### Announcements:

Template Brochures: The president is asking, “should the templates be required for departments or not?” Standard templates have been used by the departments but not all of them. Currently, 15 or 16 departments are using the templates. It was agreed at the Integrated Marketing Committee meeting, the provost would strongly encourage departments to use the recruitment template but it is not mandatory. Please relay the message to department chairs. Departments should work with Casey Rackaway on development of the brochures.

#### C. Adjournment

Action: The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

c: Dr. Edward Hammond  
Dr. Herb Songer  
Mr. Larry Getty  
Dr. Joey Linn  
Dr. Daniel Kulmala  
Ms. Chelsey Gillogly  
Ms. Casey Rackaway  
Provost’s Council Secretaries