

Minutes

Provost's Council
June 14, 2007

The Provost's Council met on Thursday, June 14 at 1:30 p.m. in the President's Conference Room.

Members present: Jeff Briggs, Chris Crawford, Cindy Elliott, Paul Faber, Dennis King, Deb 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

Fall 2007 Course Listings

Action: It was agreed to add five courses for the fall semester and the same in the spring. The College of Arts and Sciences will submit three courses, the College of Business and Leadership will submit one and the College of Health and Life Sciences will submit one by the end of the week to the provost for the fall semester.

2. Discussion/Deliberation Items

a) Modify KBOR Policy Regarding New Program Submission for Both Governed and Coordinated Institutions

Action: This has potential to get us into the KC area. It is going on and we can't change it and will probably not affect FHSU.

b) Changes to MOA

Action: Todd Powell attended the meeting and covered the major changes to the new MOA agreement such as tenure, promotion, merit and phased retirement. Tenure changes apply to new candidates and not those already on the tenure track. It was announced the chairs' workshop on July 12 will be to discuss these changes to the MOA and Todd will be attending the session.

c) Faculty Handbooks revisions based on MOA changes

Action: It was agreed to mirror the MOA changes in the Faculty and Unclassified Staff Handbook to avoid confusion for everyone.

3. Informational Items

a) 2007 Tilford Conference Agenda

Action: This year's Tilford Conference is scheduled for October 4-5 at Wichita State University. Dr. Dorothy Fulton and Mr. Alan Zellner will be attending the next meeting to talk about last year's conference and the plans for diversity on our campus.

b) FY 2008 Appropriations/Student Labor/OOE Allocations

Action: FHSU received \$500,000 for the new Information Assurance Program which will be housed in the Department of Information Networking and Telecommunications and for the Kansas Wetlands Education Center at Cheyenne Bottoms where a majority of the research is conducted by the Sternberg Museum.

c) No Tuition increase for Four Years at the University of Kansas

Action: This is additional information from the discussion yesterday at Cabinet. It is an explanation of why there will be a six percent increase in tuition. The student's tuition will average out to be 13-14 percent increase over a four-year period but with the compact it is six percent if the student stays at KU for the full four years.

B. YOTD: Progress Report

Action: None

C. Strategic Planning and AQIP: An Update

Action: None

D. Announcements/New Business

1) New Agreements with China were discussed. We have received an inquiry into offering 1+ 2+1 program from Tianjing University. They are interested in this type of program in Biology and Mathematics. However, once the program is up and running, it will be applicable to almost all of our disciplines. Larry, Cindy and Steve will be attending a 1+2+1 Consortium in China at the end of the month. We are moving to providing credit by exam for some of the new and current partnerships. The provost will not go over 30 hours of credit by exam per student.

2) An ESL Center has been created and will report to the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The Center will be offering three levels of remedial English—scratch, beginning and advanced. The fees are \$18,000 to enroll in classes in the Center. The Council were advised to let others know about the program. Concerns were raised about faculty not being prepared for an influx of foreign students in their classes. Extensive training needs to be available for faculty.

E. Adjournment

Action: The meeting adjourned at 4:50 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