

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
Minutes

Meeting date: April 8, 2024

Members in attendance: Dr. Vicki Bingham, Dr. Edwin Craft, Ms. Lisa Giger, Dr. James Gerald, Dr. Tomeka Harbin, Dr. Christopher Jurgenson, Mr. Mike Kinnison, Dr. Eddie Lovin, Ms. Chrisa Mansell, Ms. Holly Ray, Dr. Christy Riddle, Ms. Fawn Ussery, Dr. Merideth Van Namen, Ms. Haley Rooks, and Mr. Larry Wakefield (recorder – Ms. Claire Cole)

Members not in attendance: Dr. Dan Ennis, Mr. David Gladden, Dr. Ellen Green, Dr. Leslie Griffin, Dr. Michelle Roberts, and Ms. Ashley Tanksley

Guests: Mr. Shaun Kelly, President-Elect, Faculty Senate

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the University Leadership Council was held in Room 302A in the H. L. Nowell Union on April 8, 2024. The meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. with Dr. Lovin presiding.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion by Dr. Jurgenson and seconded by Dr. Bingham, all University Leadership Council Members present and participating voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the University Leadership Council Meeting held on March 11, 2024.

BUSINESS

Action

Leave of Absence Without Pay policy (revised) Mr. Wakefield

Mr. Wakefield brought the revised Leave of Absence Without Pay policy to the University Leadership Council for review. A leave of absence without pay may be granted to regular employees for a period of up to six calendar months at the discretion of the employee's vice president. Leave may be granted for different reasons, and it is the responsibility of the respective vice president to determine the impact of the absence would have on the University.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Wakefield to approve the Leave of Absence Without Pay policy and seconded by Dr. Bingham. The motion was approved.

Professional Leave policy (revised)..... Mr. Wakefield

Mr. Wakefield brought the revised Professional Leave policy to the University Leadership Council for review. An employee may be eligible for professional leave without pay due to their membership of the Public Employees' Retirement system and their amount of service credit. Ms. Giger will update the attached forms within the policy to reflect changes in the policy.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Wakefield to approve the Professional Leave policy and seconded by Dr. Gerald. The motion was approved.

Discussion

None

Additional information

- University Leadership Council members discussed the new University Leadership Council Appendix. The appendix contains items from past Cabinet meetings. Members will present reports or updates, as needed. If an item needs to be removed, members are to inform Ms. Cole.
- If any member needs items removed prior to the next meeting, they are to send a redlined copy to Ms. Cole.

NEXT MEETING:

- Next Meeting – Monday, April 22, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.