

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Minutes

February 8, 2024

Present: Vicki Bingham, Edwin Craft, Ellen Green, Leslie Griffin, David Hebert, Chris Jurgenson, Kristen Land, Joi Phillips, Fawn Ussery, Merideth Van Namen, Josie Welsh, Tomeka Harbin

Absent: James Gerald

Guests: Chrisa Mansell and John Alvarez

Call to order: A meeting of the Academic Council was held in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room on February 8, 2024. The meeting convened at 8:30 AM with Interim Provost Leslie Griffin presiding.

Agenda item	Comments/Discussion	Action taken	Responsible party
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve the agenda was made by Vicki Bingham and seconded by Joi Phillips. All in favor.	Approved.	
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2024, meeting was made by Tomeka Harbin and seconded by Vicki Bingham. All in favor.	Approved.	
Informational Item:			
Provost's Update	Interim Provost Griffin provided the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DSU mission was reviewed at Cabinet. No plan to amend mission at this time. - Cabinet discussed budget Ad Hoc Committee approved recommendations: (retirement incentive, open position deletions, requiring position request form (BP's will bring those forms forward), 61100 and 61300 salaries. Academy restructure will be reviewed by AC. Athletics to adjust budget by \$350,000. Housing and Residence Life changes. Student Affairs recommendations to combine certain units. - Inaugural activities were also discussed in Cabinet. - Legislative update – The Governor has proposed a \$6.8 million cut (not yet voted on) across the board for IHL. It is early in the legislative session. This is not a final determination. February 9th – 50th Anniversary Women's Basketball and DSU Sweetheart's Social 		Leslie Griffin
Faculty Senate Update	Chris Jurgenson provided the following Faculty Senate updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meets today - Lisa Giger to speak - Parental Leave update – will most likely not pass IHL and will need further revisions - 		Christopher Jurgenson

Institutional Effectiveness and Planning Update	<p>Josie Welsh provided the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) will roll out in the Union February 14th - QEP QR code will be shared soon by Josie Welsh - FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) are being gathered to build data for <i>Ask the Okra</i>. Units need to send FAQs to Tanya McKinney - March 4th is the last day to submit the Focused Report but prefers to submit it February 28, 2024. The report will be sent to Deans/Directors by February 21, 2024 to review and submit feedback. SACSCOC Steering team will meet on February 28th 		Josie Welsh
Opportunities for Continuous Improvement:			
Action Items:			
Curriculum Item	<p>HPER – BS in Sports Management Concentration - motion made to approve curriculum action request by Merideth Van Namen. Seconded by Vicki Bingham. It was noted that the “Semester of Implementation” was left off of the form. A friendly amendment was made to the form. All in favor. Motion Carried.</p>	Approved	John Alvarez
Distance Education Policy	<p>David Hebert presented a red-line copy (first-read, no vote today) DE Committee asked to review/revise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o David Hebert made motion to consider this as 1st read. o Merideth Van Namen seconded motion. o All in favor. Motion carried <p>Everyone to review and consider any edits this next week. There is a 2nd review at next week’s Academic Council.</p>		David Hebert
Discussion:			
Zipper Pulls (Regalia)	<p>Original design for commencement zipper pulls was university seal.</p> <p>Joi Phillips moved to conduct an initial vote to narrow from 10 options to 2 options. Options that included “Join In. Stand Out” were removed. Suggestions were made to change the font in Option #8 to keep it from looking like monogram font and change “Join In. Stand Out” to the year in Option #5.</p> <p>Joi Phillips requested that a vote be taken by email prior to February 15th deadline.</p>		Joi Phillips
Program Closure Policy/Teach Out Policy/T.O. Map	<p>An ad hoc committee that consisted of all Deans and Chris Jurgenson/Shawn Kelly from Faculty Senate worked extensively to draft a Program Closure policy</p>		Vicki Bingham

	<p>and a Teach Out policy, as well as develop a Student Academic Teach-Out Map (SATOM) in the Event of Program Closure form</p> <p>Vicki Bingham made a motion to consider all three (3) items as a 1st read. Chris Jurgenson seconded the motion All in favor. Motion carried</p> <p>Dr. Griffin stated that President Ennis has reviewed the Program Closure policy, but not the Teach Out policy and Student Academic Teach-Out Map (SATOM) in the Event of Program Closure form. She stated that these policies/processes must be in place soon.</p> <p>Program prioritization criteria will also need to be determined and recommended. Members need to carefully read through these policies to make sure the processes have been made as reasonable as possible.</p>		
Announcements:			
Adjourned:	10:08 AM		
Next Meeting:	Thursday, February 22, 2024, @ 8:30 AM.		