

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Minutes

April 26, 2024

Present: Leslie Griffin, Tomeka Harbin, Merideth Van Namen, Vicki Bingham, Fawn Ussery, Joi Phillips, Shaun Kelly (Remotely), Kristen Land, Valarie Morgan

Absent: Ellen Green, Edwin Craft, David Hebert

Guests: Chet Oguz

Call to order: A meeting of the Academic Council was held in the Janet Wyatt Conference Room on April 26, 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 was made by Dr. Tomeka Harbin and seconded by Dr. Merdith Van Namen. All in favor.	Approved	Leslie Griffin
Approval of Minutes:	<p>Motion to approve minutes for Wednesday, April 17, 2024, and Friday, April 19, 2024 was made by Dr. Vicki Bingham and seconded by Dr. Tomeka Harbin. All in Favor.</p> <p>Edits:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Correction to NUR 410- <i>increase of</i> travel expense instead of <i>removal of</i> travel expense on April 17th minutes. 		
Informational Items:			
Provost's Updates:	<p>Dr. Leslie Griffin provided the following updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) She encouraged everyone to be diligent in documenting everything happening within their colleges and on all paperwork submitted. 2) She explained a survey had been sent out to question faculty on their expectations for the Ford Center for Teaching and Learning (FCTL) and this had yielded many helpful responses. As a result, the new hire for the director of the FCTL will be full-time/8-5 position with full service in the center. The job should be posted soon. 3) She noted a Town Hall would be held this week. The President's office should be sending correspondence with time information soon. 4) She gave an update on the President's restructuring plan noting that although much is 		Leslie Griffin

	<p>unknown at this time, there will be many things changing and many areas impacted. The President did approve academic advisors for each college. These advisors will report to the registrar's office. The jobs will be posted this week, and positions will begin on July 1.</p> <p>5) She noted that the organization of the new Assessment Team would happen today, as that work must be started immediately.</p>		
Faculty Senate	None.		Shaun Kelly

Old Business:	None.		
New Business: Action Items: Resolution on Senate Officer Pay Curriculum Items	<p><u>Resolution on Senate Officer Pay (First Reading):</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shaun Kelly explained the resolution which proposes to increase the Faculty Senate President's pay from its current \$9000/an to \$12,000/an and to add a stipend for the Faculty Senate Secretary of \$2000/an <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Discussion included whether this increase in pay for the FS President would still include a course release each semester (yes, it would) b. Van Namen noted that this amount was very close to the \$15,000 a year for being chair and this might create inequities. c. Griffin asked if faculty serving in these positions could still call it "service" if they are compensated in this manner d. Griffin noted that the creation of service categories should still be considered and roles like FS Secretary should be clearly notated as "Tier 1" (top tier) acts of service to the university e. Griffin also noted that the Budget for the new fiscal year had already been discussed and worked on, which might cause problems with getting this added. <p><u>COAS Curricular Items:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Course Action Request- Addition of ART 449 Internship in Digital Media Arts as a required course for the BFA in Digital Media Arts- Motion to approve made by Chet Oguz and seconded by Dr. Tomeka Harbin. 9- approved, 0-nay, 0- abstentions. Motion Carried. 2. Curriculum Action Request- Reorganization of the DMA (Animation) Concentration and the Art Upper Core Foundation- Motion to approve made by Chet Oguz <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Discussion: The paperwork needs a clear summary of changes with additions and removals/justifications clearly numbered and outlined. In its current iteration, it is 		Shaun Kelly, Ellen Green, Meredith Van Namen

	<p>difficult to see the changes that are being requested. Motion had no second. Motion did not carry.</p> <p>Dr. Van Namen made a motion to revise the curriculum action forms for all ART concentrations. Seconded by Dr. Bingham. 9- approved, 0-nay, 0- abstentions. Motion Carried.</p> <p>3. Course Action Request- SHS 411- After further review- this item, along with the Curriculum Action Request to remove ENG 304 were approved by AC during the February 29, 2024 meeting.</p> <p>4. Curriculum Action Request- Removal of the Recreation Administration Concentration within the BS in HPER Program- Motion to approve the removal was made by Dr. Van Namen seconded by Dr. Bingham. 9- approved, 0-nay, 0- abstentions. Motion Carried.</p>		
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Announcements:	None.		
Adjourned:	10:48 am		
Next Meeting:	Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 8:30		