

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Minutes

November 7, 2024

<p>Present: Leslie Griffin, Merideth Van Namen, Nora Gough-Davis (via Zoom), Valarie Morgan, Kristen Land, Tomeka Harbin, Vicki Bingham, Fawn Ussery Absent: Pam Jackson and Edwin Craft Guests: Arlene Cash</p> <p>Call to order: A meeting of the Academic Council was held in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room on November 7, 2024. The meeting convened at 8:30 AM with Provost Leslie Griffin presiding.</p>			
Agenda item	Comments/Discussion	Action taken	Responsible party
Approval of Agenda:	<p>Motion to approve agenda was made by Dr. Tomeka Harbin and seconded by Dr. Vicki Bingham.</p> <p>Motion to amend the agenda removing Dr. Cash as a guest speaker was made by Dr. Vicki Bingham and seconded by Dr. Tomeka Harbin.</p> <p>All in favor.</p>	Approved	Leslie Griffin
Approval of Minutes:	<p>Motion to approve minutes for Thursday, October 10, 2024, was made by Dr. Tomeka Harbin and seconded by Dr. Fawn Ussery. All in favor.</p>	Approved	Valarie Morgan
Informational Items:			
Provost's and VP of Enrollment Management Updates:	<p><u>Dr. Leslie Griffin provided the following updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An art show featuring Art Professor M. Korkut Akacik was held in Greenwood, MS, on the evening of November 4, 2024; the event was well attended • The CEAH Kent Wyatt Lecture will be held today, November 7, 2024 • The monthly Mississippi Artificial Intelligence Network (MAIN) meeting is being held in Jackson on Friday, November 8, 2024; DSU will have several representatives in attendance • Upcoming Positions Searches: IREP, Registrar, COBA/CEAH Dean • Community College Partnerships Updates- Meetings are continuing, with the Coahoma Community College meeting scheduled for Monday, November 11, 2024 		Leslie Griffin & Arlene Cash

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provost is developing a five-year plan (2024-2029) with the following areas of emphasis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Curriculum development ○ Recruitment and retention • Communications and marketing around new degree plans (beginning Spring 2025) • Academic Affairs Retreat- Date TBA (likely in early December) • Chair’s Training- makeup sessions will be held for those who were unable to attend • Moving forward travel that occurs in advance of proper approval will not be signed <p><u>Ms. Cash – VP of Enrollment Management provided the following updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment Consultants will be on campus- November 19-20, 2024 (more information forthcoming) 		
Faculty Senate	<p><u>Dr. Nora Gough-Davis provided the following updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selections for the Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee for 24-25 are underway (due to the Office of Academic Affairs by Monday, November 11, 2024) • The President attended the last Faculty Senate meeting; this did not result in changes but did provide clarification on several issues • Provost Griffin would like Faculty Senate to convene a group to work on the Tenure and Promotion (T&P) Policy and to explore revisions to portfolio requirements • Nora is working with the State Level Faculty Senate group and will bring up T&P related issues to solicit feedback on a broad scale 		Nora Gough-Davis
Action Items: New Business Policies and Policy Related Forms	<p><u>Review of the Revised Policy on Library Tenure- Library Services (Faculty Annual Evaluation for revision included):</u> Dr. Tomeka Harbin moved to waive the second reading of the policy on Library Tenure- Library Services with the attached Faculty Annual Evaluation revision and this was seconded by Ms. Kristen Land.</p> <p>Motion to approve the revised policy on Library Tenure- Library Services with the attached Faculty Annual Evaluation revision was made by Dr. Vicki Bingham and seconded by Ms. Fawn Ussery</p> <p align="center"><i>7- approved, 0-nay, 0- abstentions. Motion carried.</i></p> <p><u>Review of the Revised Policy on Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit:</u> Dr. Merideth Van Namen moved to waive the second reading of the policy on Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit, and this was seconded by Dr. Vicki Bingham.</p>		Drs. Leslie Griffin & Valarie Morgan

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	<p>Motion to approve the revised policy on Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit was made by Ms. Kristen Land and seconded by Dr. Merideth Van Namen.</p> <p>The issue of transfer students with low ACT scores being unprepared for courses upon transfer to DSU was discussed. Ms. Arlene Cash suggested working collaboratively with community colleges to find solutions to address the issue; Provost Griffin asked that conversations with community colleges regarding this matter be pursued.</p> <p align="center"><i>7- approved, 0-nay, 0- abstentions. Motion carried.</i></p> <p><u>Review of the Policy on Awarding Degree Posthumously (no revisions):</u> Dr. Vicki Bingham moved to waive the second reading of the policy on Awarding Degree Posthumously and this was seconded by Dr. Tomeka Harbin.</p> <p>Dr. Morgan will revise the policy to change division/department chair to unit/division chair.</p> <p>Motion to approve the revised policy on Awarding Degree Posthumously was made by Ms. Kristen Land and seconded by Dr. Merideth Van Namen.</p> <p align="center"><i>7- approved, 0-nay, 0- abstentions. Motion carried.</i></p> <p><u>Review of the Revised Policy on Tests and Examinations:</u> Dr. Vicki Bingham moved to waive the second reading of the policy on Tests and Examinations, and this was seconded by Dr. Merideth Van Namen.</p> <p>Motion to approve the revised policy on Tests and Examinations was made by Dr. Tomeka Harbin and seconded by Dr. Vicki Bingham.</p> <p align="center"><i>7- approved, 0-nay, 0- abstentions. Motion carried.</i></p>		
<p>New Business: Curriculum</p>	<p><u>CEAH:</u> Curriculum Action Request/ Course Action Request- Bundle- Curriculum Action Request for revised B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences, the Curriculum Action Request for the revised B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences- Child Development Minor, and the Course Action Request to revise FCS 488- <i>Motion to bundle</i> the Curriculum Action request for the revised B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences, the Curriculum Action Request for the revised B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences- Child Development Minor, and the Course Action Request to revise FCS 488 was made by Dr. Merideth Van</p>		<p>Drs. Merideth Van Namen & Tomeka Harbin</p>

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	<p>Namen and seconded by Dr. Tomeka Harbin.</p> <p><i>Motion to approve</i> the Curriculum Action request for the revised B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences, the Curriculum Action Request for the revised B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences- Child Development Minor, and the Course Action Request for the revised FCS 488 was made by Dr. Merideth Van Namen and seconded by Ms. Kristen Land.</p> <p align="center"><i>7- approved, 0-nay, 0- abstentions. Motion carried.</i></p> <p><u>COBA:</u> Curriculum Action Request/ Course Action Request- Bundle- Curriculum Action Request for revised DMI restructure of the Entertainment Industry Studies major, the Course Action Requests to revise DMI 116, the Course Action Request to revise DMI 315, and the Course Action Request to revise DMI 300- <i>Motion to bundle</i> the Curriculum Action request for the restructure of the Entertainment Industries major, and the Course Action requests for the revised DMI 116 course, the revised DMI 315 course, and the revised DMI 300 course was made by Dr. Valarie Morgan and seconded by Merideth Van Namen All in favor.</p> <p><i>Motion to approve</i> the Curriculum Action request for the restructure of the Entertainment Industries major, and the Course Action requests for the revised DMI 116 course, the revised DMI 315 course, and the revised DMI 300 course was made by Dr. Tomeka Harbin and seconded by Dr. Vicki Bingham.</p> <p align="center"><i>7- approved, 0-nay, 0- abstentions. Motion carried.</i></p>		
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<p>Discussion:</p>	<p>New college flags:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was decided that the old college flags would be retired to the archives; Ms. Fawn Ussery will explore getting an oral history on the flags to accompany their display • No new flags will be designed at this time 	
<p>Announcements:</p>	<p>Library Update (Ms. Fawn Ussery):</p> <p>Delta State University’s Library Services recently partnered with The Bridge Community Development Center to offer prevocational support to young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As part of this collaboration, the university library hosted an information literacy session aimed at equipping participants with essential skills for navigating today’s information landscape.</p>	
<p>Adjourned:</p>	<p>11:12 a.m.</p>	

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Next Meeting:	November 14, 2024, at 8:30 am in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room		