

**ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

**Minutes**

**February 29, 2024**

**Present:** Leslie Griffin, Ellen Green, Tomeka Harbin, Merideth Van Namen, Vicki Bingham, Josie Welsh, Fawn Ussery, Joi Phillips, Kristin Land, Edwin Craft, James Gerald, David Hebert

**Absent:** Christopher Jurgenson

**Guests:** Sean Kelly for Faculty Senate representation

**Call to order:** A regular meeting of the Academic Council was held in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room on February 29, 2024. The meeting convened at 8:30 am with Provost Griffin presiding.

Agenda item	Comments/Discussion	Action taken	Responsible p
Approval of Agenda:	Motion to approve was made by Tomeka Harbin and seconded by Vicki Bingham. Motion carried.	<b>Approved</b>	
Approval of Minutes:	Motion to approve minutes from February 22, 2024, with edits was made Vicki Bingham and seconded by Tomeka Harbin. Motion carried. Edits: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Change the acronym from GFCL to FCTL</li> <li>2. Add Chris Jurgenson name to the Program Prioritization Task Force</li> <li>3. K/J Wyatt Professional Development funds were approved, not tabled.</li> </ol>		
<b>Informational Item:</b>			
Provost’s Updates:	Dr. Griffin provided the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cabinet – Dr. Griffin took the Program Closure Policy and the Teach Out Policy to Cabinet for a first read.</li> <li>• Position Request Forms – all Academic Affairs position request forms submitted to Cabinet were approved.</li> <li>• Legislative Update                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A proposed bill to close 3 MS universities is going to Senate.</li> <li>○ K3 – 12 residential school has been proposed at DSU (still in early stages of discussion)</li> <li>○ IHL appropriations discussions still too early to project</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Hall – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Focus on Program Review and Program Prioritization form (explanation/Q &amp; A)</li> <li>○ Preparations for Zero-Based Budgeting under review</li> </ul> </li> <li>• No Spring Break meetings</li> <li>• Deans will meet individually after Spring Break regarding curriculum items before they go into the portal.</li> <li>• Academic Maps should be current on website</li> </ul>		
Faculty Senate Updates:	Nothing to report		
Institutional Effectiveness and Planning:	<p>Dr. Welsh provided an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SACSCOC Reaffirmation Packet has been uploaded.</li> <li>• Please get Josie faculty and student representatives for the Distance Education meeting with SACSCOC on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 (8am-10:30 am) and for faculty and student luncheons on Wednesday, April 17, 2024</li> <li>• Request was made to update the university withdrawal form by removing “other” as an option. <b>Dr. Welsh made a motion with second by James Gerald. All in favor.</b></li> <li>• Faculty qualifications were clarified to emphasize alignment of degree (if doctorate) or 18 hours graduate credit (if master’s degree) with the COURSE. Area of study at the undergraduate level or the fact that you taught the course somewhere else does not matter.</li> <li>• Dr. Welsh explained that faculty need assistance with the advising section of the teach out plans; they do not have to worry about plans with other schools or additional costs. They should use academic maps to determine what courses should be taken and when. Treat it like any other advisee.</li> <li>• If you send a Curriculum Action Request through UCC, please explain in reference to the curriculum map.</li> </ul>		
Old Business:	None.		
New Business: Curriculum	<p><b><u>COEHS Curriculum Items:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Course Action Request – PER 488- this course was previously approved by</li> </ol> <p><b><u>COAS Curriculum Items:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Revised Major-Environmental Science (Agribusiness Conc.)</li> </ol>		

	<p><i>Motion to approve made by Vicki Bingham and seconded by James Gerald. Motion carried.</i></p> <p>2. Curriculum and Course Revisions: Speech and Hearing <i>Motion to approve to bundle Curriculum and Course Action request made by Vicki Bingham and seconded by Ellen Green. Motion carried.</i> <i>Motion to approve new course made by Vicki Bingham and seconded by James Gerald. Motion carried.</i></p> <p><b><u>SON Curriculum Items:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Revisions to the Admission Requirements for the MSN, Post-Master’s Certificate Programs</li> <li>2. Revisions to the Admission Requirements for the DNP Program (BSN-DNP, Post-Master’s [Non-FNP]-DNP) tracks</li> <li>3. Revisions to the admissions with conditions criteria for the MSN and Post-Master Certificate Programs in Nursing</li> <li>4. Revisions to the Transfer of Credits Policy for the SON</li> <li>5. Revisions to graduate catalog to reflect grade requirement of “B” in all core and role specific courses in the MSN, PM Certificate programs. Revisions to reflect grade requirement of “B” in all core, role specific and DNP Project courses in the DNP (BSN-DNP, Post-Master’s [Non-FNP]-DNP, FNP-DNP) tracks</li> </ol> <p><i>Motion to approve items 1-5 were made by Vicki Bingham and seconded by James Gerald. Motion carried.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Request for course fees. <i>Tabled until April meeting.</i></li> </ol>		
<b>Announcements:</b>	Dean Ellen Green announced Donna Ossorio book launch was today at 5:00 pm		
<b>Adjourned:</b>	9:42 am		
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	Thursday, March 27, 2024		