

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Minutes

April 19, 2024

Present: Leslie Griffin, Tomeka Harbin, Merideth Van Namen, Vicki Bingham, Fawn Ussery, Joi Phillips, Shaun Kelly, Kristen Land, James Gerald, Edwin Craft

Absent: Ellen Green, David Hebert, Valarie Morgan

Guests: Chet Oguz

Call to order: A special meeting of the Academic Council was held in the President’s Conference Room on April 19, 2024. The meeting convened at 10:32 AM with Interim Provost Leslie Griffin presiding.

Agenda item	Comments/Discussion	Action taken	Responsible party
Approval of Agenda:	Motion to approve was made by Shaun Kelly and seconded by Dr. Merdith Van Namen. All in favor.	Approved	Leslie Griffin
Approval of Minutes:	None at this time – Minutes for Monday, April 15, 2024, and Wednesday, April 17, 2024, will be approved at the next scheduled AC meeting.		
Informational Items:			
Provost’s Updates:	Dr. Leslie Griffin provided the following updates: 1) She thanked everyone for their roles in preparing for the SACSCOC Reaffirmation review and site visit. President Ennis will share the results to everyone in the university. The SACSCOC Team visit went well with overall positive comments, but five recommendations were made for the following standards: Standard 7.3 Administrative Effectiveness, Standard 8.2a Student Outcomes (educational programs), Standard 8.2c Student Outcomes (academic and student services), Standard 13.3 Financial Responsibility, and Standard 13.4 Control of Finances 2) Dr. Griffin stated that we need a comprehensive assessment program. We have our focus and work ahead to accomplish this task 3) Overall, a positive review and acceptance of the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) was made		Leslie Griffin

	<p>by the SACSCOC site team.</p> <p>4) Next steps: An Error and Fact report will be drafted in a few weeks by the site visiting team – the university will review and make any edits which will be sent to Dr. Nuria Cuevas. Based upon the findings, we will have an opportunity to send a Response Report that goes with the SACSCOC visiting team report to the SACSCOC Board in December 2024 for a decision.</p>		
Institutional Effectiveness and Planning:	None.		Valarie Morgan

Old Business:	None.		
New Business: Action Items: Course Fees	<p>COAS Fees</p> <p>ART – Discussion among the AC members regarding the presentation and approval of the course fees for the MFA in Studio Arts degree. Chet Oguz was asked to come to the AC meeting to provide more explanation and clarity to the course fee requests presented. Chet Oguz stated that MOUs are established with all art mentors with frequent engagement and there are visiting lecture artists that come to the campus during the intense (IHL Appendix was sent). It was agreed that the IHL fee structure was appropriately approved by AC members. Suggestions were made to Chet Oguz to make course fees more prominent on the ART website. Motion made by Shaun Kelly to approve the ART course fee requests on the summary spreadsheet, seconded by Dr. Tomeka Harbin - Yea: 9, No: 0, Absentia: 0. All in Favor.</p> <p>BIO – BIO 100, BIO 101, and BIO 301 course fee requests to purchase a manual for the students were presented. Motion by Shaun Kelly to approve the course fee request, seconded by Kristen Land - Yea: 8, No: 0, Absentia: 0. All in Favor.</p> <p>CHE – CHE 103 & CHE 104 course fee requests to purchase a manual for the students were presented. Motion by Shaun Kelly to approve the course fee request, seconded by Kristen Land – Yea: 8, No: 0, Absentia: 0. All in Favor.</p> <p>MAT - MAT 103 withdrew from the course fee request– Add: MAT 104, MAT 300, and MAT 115 course fee requests to purchase a manual for the students were presented. Motion by Shaun Kelly to approve the course fee request, seconded by Kristen Land – Yea: 8, No: 0, Absentia: 0. All in Favor.</p>		Leslie Griffin & James Gerald

Announcements:	None.	
Adjourned:	12:00 pm	
Next Meeting:	Monday, April 29, 2024, at 8:30	

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