

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Minutes

October 13, 2022

Present: Andrew Novobilski, Josh Armstrong, Vicki Bingham, Edwin Craft, Emily Dabney, James Gerald, Ellen Green, Leslie Griffin, Billy Moore, Christy Riddle

Absent: Jeff Slagell

Guests: Danielle Taylor, McNair Research Scholars Project Director; Taylor Harris, Rising Scholars Coordinator

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Academic Council was held in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room on October 13, 2022. The meeting convened at 8:35 AM with Provost Novobilski 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 James Gerald. All in favor.	Approved.	
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2022 meeting was made by Vicki Bingham and seconded by Leslie Griffin. All in favor.	Approved.	
Informational Item:			
Cabinet Update	Dr. Leslie Griffin provided an update from the last Cabinet meetings.		Leslie Griffin
Faculty Senate Update	Faculty Senate will be meeting today. Dr. Armstrong stated that FS will be voting on a new president-elect due to the untimely passing of Taylor Skelton. President Butch Caston is expected to attend today's Faculty Senate meeting.		Josh Armstrong
Action Items:			
Faculty Development Proposals	<p>Provost Novobilski asked the Faculty Research Committee to rank proposals against a rubric this year. The Provost intends to require the follow-up report to be submitted to Academic Affairs; if a recipient of the faculty development award does not submit a follow-up report, they will not be eligible for the award the following year. The Provost also plans to require faculty recipients to attend a faculty research presentation where they can share their research findings.</p> <p>Recommendations based on the rubric were reviewed. A motion to accept and approve the Bryce-Griffis and KJW Faculty Development recommendations from the Faculty Research Committee, funding applicants fully, was made and seconded. 9-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</p>	Approved.	
Discussion:			
Faculty Rights & Responsibilities Policy (Faculty	The Faculty Rights & Responsibilities Policy was reviewed and changes were proposed. Discussion ensued about emphasizing the importance of taking attendance at each class meeting; the Provost asked Faculty Senate		

Office Hours)	<p>President, Dr. Josh Armstrong, to discuss this matter with Faculty Senate, including the Provost’s proposed “hold accountable” dates in which attendance reports would be available on Day 6, 8 and 11, and during week 8.</p> <p>Edits to the Faculty Office Hours section of the policy were also reviewed. It was proposed to remove the statement “Faculty may schedule up to 50% of their office hours virtually”, but FS President Dr. Josh Armstrong stated that he felt some faculty may have concerns about that. The Provost asked Dr. Armstrong to gather any faculty concerns for them to discuss. This topic will be brought back to the next Academic Council meeting for action.</p>		
Policy on Committees	Tabled until next Academic Council.		
Announcements:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMI was named to Billboard’s Top Schools • Preregistration will take place October 31st through November 4th. 		
Adjourned:	10:23 AM		
Next Meeting:	Thursday, October 27, 2022, @ 8:30 AM.		