

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Minutes

October 14, 2021

Present: Andrew Novobilski, Edwin Craft, Emily Dabney, Ellen Green, Leslie Griffin, Gray Kane, Billy Moore, Christy Riddle, Jeff Slagell, Andrew Wegmann

Absent: Vicki Bingham, Beverly Moon

Guests: Dr. Eddie Lovin, Vice President of Student Affairs; Ms. Carolyn Bailey, Chair and Instructor of Family & Consumer Sciences

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Academic Council was held in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room on October 14, 2021. The meeting convened at 8:32 AM with Provost Novobilski presiding.

Announcements: Dr. Leslie Griffin reported that the CAEP review went well and there were no findings reported.

Dr. Billy Moore encouraged everyone to attend the COBA Lecture Series on Tuesday, October 19th in the Jobe Hall Auditorium beginning at 10:50 AM. Major General Leon Collins will speak on logistics and leadership. A luncheon will follow in the multipurpose room in the Young-Mauldin Cafeteria.

Agenda item	Comments/Discussion	Action taken	Responsible party
Approval of Minutes:	September 23, 2021	Approved with submitted edits.	
Guest Speaker: Dr. Eddie Lovin	Dr. Eddie Lovin, Vice President of Student Affairs, was the guest speaker for this date. Dr. Lovin mentioned that he had recently attended a conference for new VPSA's and a major topic of discussion was inspiration. The University's mission statement can serve as a source of inspiration in everything that is done at the University in order to provide students the best experience possible. One of those ways of helping students is the Statesmen Shelf, which is the University's food pantry. Information about the Statesmen Shelf is now available on the website, including needed items for anyone that would like to donate. Dr. Lovin is also prioritizing the visibility of Delta State University all over the Mississippi Delta.		
Informational Item:			
Cabinet Update	No report.		
Faculty Senate Update	Dr. Andrew Wegmann reported that Faculty Senate will be voting today on a resolution regarding curriculum. Some faculty members would like more autonomy in regards to the curriculum.		Andrew Wegmann
Action Items:			
Academic Standing	Emily Dabney has been researching the Academic Standing policy since the last Academic Council meeting. Possible changes to the Academic	Tabled.	Emily Dabney

	<p>Standing policy include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students must earn a 2.0 GPA on both the institutional cumulative GPA and overall cumulative GPA to earn a degree. - Implementing an Academic Improvement Plan as a formal plan between the student, advisor, and Chair of the student's major outlining steps necessary to be completed by the student. - Implementing a Readmission Contract between the student, Dean of the college of the student's major, and Provost outlining steps necessary to be completed by the student to be executed before consideration of readmission can be made. - Removal of the stairstep of GPA's for Academic Probation; students will be placed on academic probation when the institutional cumulative GPA is less than 2.0. <p>Provost Novobilski asked Academic Council members to review these changes for further discussion at the next Academic Council meeting.</p>		
Cross-Listing	<p>Dr. Edwin Craft previously met with Emily Dabney, Kelly Kirkland and Hayley Murrell to discuss process/procedure/policy for cross-listing. A few issues of concern with cross-listing are FERPA regulations, faculty load reporting, and technicalities in Banner. Provost Novobilski asked Dr. Craft to devise an ad hoc committee to review these issues of cross-listing.</p>	Tabled.	Edwin Craft
Deletion of UG Coordinated Program in Dietetics	<p>Dr. Leslie Griffin and Ms. Carolyn Bailey proposed the deletion of the UG Coordinated Program in Dietetics and a teach-out plan for students currently in the program. Reasonings for the request include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Failure to consistently meet Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) benchmark (80%) for pass rate within one year of first attempt despite proactive program changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current 3-year pass rate (2018-2020) 59.38%; national average 88.37% ○ Record of probationary accreditation since 2014 ○ New education requirement effective 1/1/24 for coordinated program to include graduate degree, undergraduate didactic courses, and supervised practice to qualify for Registration Examination for Dietitians ○ Decline in student enrollment and students meeting academic requirements for admission to Coordinated 	Approved.	Leslie Griffin

	<p>Program in Dietetics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Other dietetic education programs in Mississippi (MSU, UM, USM, 2 additional dietetic internships) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinated Program with Master’s Degree at University of Mississippi <p>Motion for the deletion of the UG Coordinated Program in Dietetics was made and seconded. 8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</p>		
Discussion:			
Enrollment Management	Provost Novobilski stated that the Enrollment Management meetings and process are moving onwards.		
Engaging with Recruiting Process	Provost Novobilski extended his gratitude to Academic Council members on engaging with the recruiting process and providing great input to Brittany Green-Davis on marketing materials.		
Research Funding	There is \$50,000 of funding available for faculty research and grant activity. Provost Novobilski would like to allocate approximately \$5,000-\$6,000 of those funds for Heather Miller to compose a grant writing program for faculty. Other funding criteria will be discussed at the next Dean’s Council meeting.		
Foreign Language Requirement for B.A. Degrees	Dr. Ellen Green asked for a conversation about foreign language requirements for B.A. degrees. Most B.A. degrees require 6-12 hours of a foreign language, but Dr. Green has received curriculum requests to remove those requirements. Concerns of the limited foreign language offerings available were mentioned. This will be discussed further at a later date.		
Adjourned:	10:33 AM		
Next Meeting:	Thursday, October 28, 2021 @ 8:30 AM		