

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Minutes

October 27, 2022

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

Absent:

Guests: Dr. Josie Welsh, Candidate for Associate Provost; Chrisa Mansell, Director of Institutional Research & Planning

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Academic Council was held in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room on October 27, 2022. The meeting convened at 8:33 AM with Provost Novobilski presiding.

Agenda item	Comments/Discussion	Action taken	Responsible party
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve the agenda was made by Jeff Slagell and seconded by Ellen Green. All in favor.	Approved.	
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2022 meeting was made by Jeff Slagell and seconded by James Gerald. All in favor.	Approved.	
Guest Speaker: Dr. Josephine “Josie” Welsh	Dr. Jeff Slagell introduced Dr. Josie Welsh, candidate for the Associate Provost position. Dr. Welsh shared a little about herself and her background: a native of Pennsylvania; a Research Psychologist with experience in grants/contracts, accreditation, and higher education administration; loves accreditation and has a heart for shared governance.		
Informational Item:			
Cabinet Update	Dr. Leslie Griffin provided an update from the last Cabinet meetings.		Leslie Griffin
Faculty Senate Update	Dr. Armstrong stated that Dr. Butch Caston attended the last Faculty Senate meeting, where Dr. Christopher Jurgenson was elected as President-elect of Faculty Senate. Dr. Armstrong mentioned that there was a conversation regarding adjunct concerns, but it was tabled. The Provost suggested that Faculty Senate invite the Interim Director for the Ford Center for Teaching and Learning to the conversation regarding adjunct faculty concerns.		Josh Armstrong
IHL-CAO Meeting Update	Provost Novobilski provided an update on discussion topics from the most recent CAO meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mental health project with UMMC was discussed; DSU participated in a survey to assist in shaping needs for the project with UMMC. - International baccalaureate manual presented at CAO meeting. - EDU 1613 Mapping; community colleges are requesting it to be accepted as a general education credit. Each four-year institution will make a decision through its General Education committees. - Advanced Placement Data on 2021 and Mississippi 2021 graduation 		Provost Novobilski

	<p>data from ACT received. The Provost has copies available if anyone is interested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transcript withholding policies were discussed. The State of Mississippi currently requires all debts to be collected before releasing a transcript no matter the size of the balance. - Casey Prestwood is working to make IHL forms electronic. 		
Commencement	329 students are expected to walk during the December commencement ceremonies. Commencement will be held in the Bologna Performing Arts Center with the morning ceremony consisting of graduate students and undergraduate Nursing students; the afternoon ceremony will host undergraduate students from the three other colleges. Lunch will be offered to those who volunteer; the Provost asked Christy Riddle to request quotes for the lunch.		
Action Items:			
Faculty Rights & Responsibilities Policy (Faculty Office Hours)	<p>An edited version of the Faculty Rights & Responsibilities Policy was presented, with edits to the sections concerning class attendance, commencement, and faculty office hours.</p> <p>Motion to approve the changes to the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Policy was made by Leslie Griffin, seconded by James Gerald. 10-approved; 0-nay; 0-abstention. Motion carried.</p>	Approved.	Provost Novobilski
Discussion:			
Policy on Committees/Representative Bodies	It is planned to bring this policy to Academic Council in early spring 2023 for the purpose of revision and clarification.		
Announcements:			
Adjourned:	10:18 AM		
Next Meeting:	Thursday, November 10, 2022, @ 8:30 AM.		