

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Minutes

February 24, 2022

Present: Andrew Novobilski, Vicki Bingham, Edwin Craft, Emily Dabney, Ellen Green, Leslie Griffin, Ouida McAfee, Billy Moore, Christy Riddle, Jeff Slagell, Andrew Wegmann

Absent: Beverly Moon

Guests: Talbot Brooks, Director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Geospatial Information Technologies

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Academic Council was held in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room on February 24, 2022. The meeting convened at 8:33 AM with Provost Novobilski presiding.

Announcements:

- The Gertrude C. Ford Center for Teaching and Learning will be hosting a Brown Bag Lunch today in the CTL at 12:15.
- The Provost will be hosting an All-Faculty Meeting on March 1st at 2:30 PM in the Jacob Conference Center. Cookies, coffee and conversation.
- The Colloquia Distinguished Lecture Series will be held on March 8th from 6-9 PM in Jobe Hall.

Agenda item	Comments/Discussion	Action taken	Responsible party
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded.	Approved.	
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve minutes of the February 10, 2022 meeting with submitted edits was made and seconded.	Approved.	
Informational Item:			
Cabinet Update	<p>Dr. Vicki Bingham provided the following updates from the most recent Cabinet meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General Overview – Ms. Aja Rodriguez is the new Director of Engagement and Student Services with her main focus being Title IX, Orientation, and finding ways for Student Affairs to advocate to students; acknowledgement of the passing of Dr. Hines Cronin, retired Director of Field Experiences and Mr. Dave Heflin, Assistant Professor Emeritus of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation; Dr. Todd Davis was nominated and chosen as the MS IHL Diversity Educator of the Year. - Facilities Management Update - campus-wide roofing project is on schedule, and should be completed by the end of March. The university continues to use Repair and Renovation (R&R) funds for projects around campus, including repair and renovation to the Baioni Center and classrooms in Broom. Statesmen Blvd. will be expanded; Carpets in the Bologna 		Vicki Bingham

	<p>Performing Arts Center were replaced and restrooms updated; R&R and Bond funds for 2023 have not been allocated; HERF I & II funds have all been spent, HERF III funds still being spent – approximately \$180,000 remain.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Budget Plans for FY23 Update – Phases I & II of budget sent to the VP and Mr. Kinnison to place in priority order for their areas; EC has discussed reinstating the 5% fee for all 108 funds; reinstating funds for a contingency plan; adding a contingency for increasing days of cash; transferring monies from auxiliary funds to E&G funds, and tuition increase. The enrollment projection for Fall 2022 to be used for budget planning is 2,275. EC continues to review all potential budget savings and cuts; discussing ways to reimagine core programs and growth areas; and talking about ways to realign the budget to highlight the university’s priorities. Budget cuts will be in the range of \$830,000 to 1.3 million. - Legislative Update - Mr. Munroe shared that February 10th was the deadline for each chamber to take original floor action on general legislation and constitutional amendments. Deadline for original floor action on appropriations and revenue bills was yesterday, February 23rd. MS IHL appropriations have been submitted – so, action on appropriations to higher education should be soon (March/April); a couple of bills being tracked by IHL – HB 1068 will provide possible amendments to the Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act; HB 1394 will create the Dual Credit Community College Scholarship Program that consists of the Academic Dual Credit Community College Scholarship Program and the Career & Technical Dual Credit Community College Scholarship Program – Mr. Munroe reported that the Senate has concerns because it will be expensive. - Curriculum Development and Revision policy approved with edits and corrections. 		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - COVID-19 Protocol revisions approved. - Approval of Meal Plan Rates for FY23 – A 3% increase each year was part of the university’s contract with Sodexo – questions occurred regarding a person being able to swipe okra card more than once if guests accompany them. - Approval of Housing Rates for FY23 – single occupancy rate will not be the same as the double occupancy rate for FY23; double occupancy and single occupancy rates for Blansett Hall and Brumby-Castle Hall will decrease for FY23; remaining residence halls will have increased rates for FY23; EC is exploring options for re-purposing Hill Apartments, so the housing rates for Hill Apartments will be determined at a later time. - Book Fee – “The First Day Complete” program supports students by them having access to course books/materials on or before the first day of class. A couple of main points: 1) only available to undergraduate students at this time; 2) available for Fall, Spring, & Summer; 3) priced at \$20 per credit hour; 4) fee will be added to the student’s account; 5) students will receive an email from Barnes & Noble College during the summer about opting in or out of the program [*note: students cannot “opt in or out” on certain courses; also, students will be automatically “opted in” the program if they do not respond to the email from Barnes & Noble College]; 6) if a student drops a course prior to the last day to drop a course and returns the books/materials, a refund will be issued to the student for the book/materials he/she no longer needs. - Cabinet Art Award – each year, the art department collects funds for their awards to students; two awards given are: President’s Award – top prize which is a \$1,000 cash award and Cabinet Award – second best prize which is a \$500 cash award. These two art pieces will be displayed in the President’s office for one year and then become a part of the 		
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university's permanent collection.

- Undergraduate Enrollment Update/Overview – report as of February 17th.

UG Totals:

728 Admitted
1827 Incomplete Applications (Missing Documents)
378 Started Application Online
4921 Prospects

7,854 Total UG Targets

- New Student Orientation Re-design – orientation will occur after students move into the residence halls and prior to the start of classes. Students will receive information about the university, how to survive the first week of college, and where to go for answers to their questions. Students will have fun activities and be interactive. Orientation Leaders and Delta Diplomats will be consolidated for the New Student Orientation Program.
- New Student Registration Re-design – Students who live within 250 miles of campus will come to the university for New Student Registration. Students will meet with their advisor to establish a course schedule and register. Students will finalize parking, housing, and Okra Card. Students who live farther than 250 miles from campus can complete this process online.
- Title IX Presence on University Homepage – Ms. Rodriguez discovered that there was no link to Title IX resources on website's homepage. So, link was added.
- Telecommunication Policy – (see policy) – first reading with edits approved; second reading scheduled at next Cabinet meeting.
- Additional Information/Calendar Items:
 - o Mississippi Municipal League's annual Youth Summit, DSU

	<p>campus, February 25th & 26th – will be approximately 300 in attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Ten Tenors: Love is in the Air, February 28th, 7:30pm at BPAC ○ Colloquia Lecture Series with The Honorable David Bowen, March 8th, 6:00pm, Jobe Auditorium ○ Will Young, SGA President, announced that SGA was creating a CANVAS shell that will be available to all students. Pertinent information and announcements to the students will be posted in the shell. The CANVAS shell will be live by March 01. ○ SGA Awareness Week – March 7th-11th. SGA will advertise heavily for the Big Green Event during this time ○ Retirement and Recognition Ceremony will return to its original format in the H.L. Nowell Student Union. ○ Mr. Munroe announced Pig Pickin’ 2022 is scheduled for October 1st and Homecoming 2022 is scheduled for November 5th. 		
Faculty Senate Update	<p>Dr. Andrew Wegmann provided updates from the most recent Faculty Senate meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Curriculum Development and Revision Policy passed. - Morale survey was officially approved. - Meeting with Ole Miss Faculty Senate President, Dan Durkin, about passing a resolution to oppose a House Bill containing divisive content. - Annual Evaluation Resolution needs further work. - Amendment to COVID Protocols – Faculty could require masks to be worn in their office space, but not extended to lobbies or classrooms. 		Andrew Wegmann
Action Items:			
Round 2 KJW Faculty Development Proposals	<p>Round 2 of Kent & Janice Wyatt Faculty Development: Motion to accept and approve the KJW Faculty Development recommendations from the Faculty Research Committee was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</p>		
Curriculum Items – BAS in GAI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Curriculum Action Request – BAS in GAI – Motion to approve adjustment to the curriculum for the BAS in GAI after 360-degree internal review. 9-approved, 0-nay, 1-abstention. Motion carried. - Course Action Request – GIS 202 Introduction to GIS – Motion to approve the request to update the name and course description was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried. - Course Action Request – REM 202 Introduction to Imaging Science; Deletion of GIS 211 Digital Image Processing I; GIS 221 Aerial Photographic Interpretation; GIS 231 Photogrammetry I; GIS 311 		

Digital Image Processing II; GIS 431 Photogrammetry II – Motion to approve the request to update the course name and description of REM 202 and delete GIS 211, 221, 231, 311, 431 was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. **Motion carried.**

- **Course Action Request – GIS 220 Introduction and History of GEOINT**– Motion to approve the addition of GIS 220 was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. **Motion carried.**

- **Course Action Request – GIS 241 Fundamental Techniques in Surveying; GIS 351 The Law and Surveying; GIS 401 Advanced Surveying;** Motion to approve the deletion of GIS 241, 351, and 401 was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. **Motion carried.**

Course Action Request – GIS 302 Introduction to Cartography and Visualization; GIS 200 Computerized Maps and Cartography – Motion to approve the addition of GIS 302 and the deletion of GIS 200 was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. **Motion carried.**

Course Action Request – GIS 310 Geospatial Analysis; Motion to approve the renaming and updated course description for GIS 310 was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. **Motion carried.**

Course Action Request – GIS 320 GIS and Community; Motion to approve the deletion of GIS 320 was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. **Motion carried.**

Course Action Request – GIS 421 Trends in Spatial Technologies; Motion to approve the change in credit hours from 2 to 3 was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. **Motion carried.**

Course Action Request – GIS 451 Business Geographics; Motion to approve the deletion of GIS 451 was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. **Motion carried.**

Course Action Request – GIS 489 Geospatial Project Planning; GIS 490 Geospatial Capstone Project; GIS 491 Thesis; Motion to approve the deletion of GIS 489 and 491, and update the course title, description and prerequisite requirement for GIS 490 was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. **Motion carried.**

- **Course Action Request – GIS 492 Special Topics in GIS** – Motion to approve addition of GIS 492 was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. **Motion carried.**

- **Course Action Request – REM 492 Special Topics in Imaging Science** – Motion to approve addition of REM 492 was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. **Motion carried.**

- **Course Action Request – REM 316 Imaging Science: Passive Techniques & REM 421 Imaging Science: Active Techniques** – Motion to approve course title, description and prerequisites of REM 316, and update course title of REM 421 was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. **Motion carried.**

Discussion:			
Adjourned:	10:31 AM		
Next Meeting:	Thursday, March 10, 2022 @ 8:30 AM		