

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Minutes

April 28, 2022

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

Absent:

Guests: Josh Armstrong, Associate Professor of Music; Richard Tremmel, Director of the Delta Music Institute; Merideth Van Namen, Chair of Teacher Education, Leadership & Research

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Academic Council was held in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room on April 28, 2022. The meeting convened at 8:35 AM with Provost Novobilski presiding.

Announcements:

- Provost Novobilski thanked Dr. Andrew Wegmann for serving on Academic Council in his role as Faculty Senate President. He also thanked Dr. Vicki Bingham for being the Academic Council representative on Cabinet this past academic year. Dr. Josh Armstrong and Dr. Leslie Griffin were welcomed into their new roles as Faculty Senate President and AC representative on campus for the upcoming academic year.
- The RESSON will hold an induction into the Sigma Nursing Honor Society on Thursday, May 5th at 9:30 AM as well as an RN-BSN/MSN recognition ceremony at 1 PM. Both events will take place in the RESSON building.
- Dr. Edwin Craft reported that Pat Vaughn is retiring and a new report writer has been hired that will begin working on May 9th. Also, a firm is reviewing the effects of the attack that caused the Banner outage on Monday, April 25th.
- Students will receive 6 tickets for commencement. Lunch for faculty and volunteers will be held in Jacob Conference Center immediately following commencement.
- Dr. McAfee reported that information about the Faculty Development Day in August will be coming out soon.
- The DSU band will be performing outside the Delta Arts Alliance this Saturday at 3 PM.
- The Social Work accreditation site visit takes place Monday, May 2nd.

Agenda item	Comments/Discussion	Action taken	Responsible party
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve the agenda was made by Jeff Slagell and seconded by Beverly Moon. All in favor.	Approved.	
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2022 meeting with recommended edits was made by Beverly Moon and seconded by Jeff Slagell. All in favor.	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students who recently won the top awards at the Student Art Exhibit were introduced and congratulated: Ms. Bonnie Dillion, who won the President’s Art Award, and Ms. Laken Templeton, who won the Cabinet Art Award. Ms. Dillion won with her piece titled “Sammy’s 		Vicki Bingham

	<p>Zinnias”. Ms. Templeton won with a piece titled “A Willing Poet;”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Takin Care of Business</i> days have all gone extremely well; ○ The Student Government Association (SGA) has been busy over the past two weeks with the Big Green Event and the Inauguration of New Officers; ○ Ron Nurnberg, Executive Director at <i>Teach for America</i>, visited campus and met with President LaForge to discuss the continued partnership with DSU which is strong – however, number of individuals participating remains extremely low for the entire organization; ○ IHL Board members approved for university Presidents to make the final decision/approval for tenured faculty members, instead of the IHL Board. This is consistent with higher education systems in many other states – IHL Board will continue to be a part of the appeal process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilities Management Update: Campus-wide roofing project continues to be delayed due to weather and contractors – projected to be finished by mid-May; Construction meetings have started regarding the SON expansion/renovation; Renovation of the parking lot behind Cain-Tatum/Fugler-Hammett residence hall will be completed by August; the volleyball court will be completed when we have five consecutive days without rain. ● Athletics: Coach Kinnison and the Athletic Department announced the hiring of new Head Coach of Women’s Basketball, Ms. Tracy Stewart-Lange. ● New Reporting Structure/Budget Impact/Oversight: Intramurals, Fitness Center, Wyatt Center, and Walker Natatorium – moved to Student Affairs; Academic Testing and Dual Enrollment/Credits - moved to Continuing Education. ● Enrollment Update/Overview: <u>Undergraduate</u> (as same date each year – April 21) First Time Freshmen Admitted: Fall 2021 – 802 Fall 2022 – 811 Transfer Students Admitted Fall 2021 – 237 Fall 2022 – 183 		
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	<p>Readmitted Students Fall 2021 – 13 Fall 2022 – 18</p> <p><u>Graduate</u> Graduate Students Applied & Admitted (as of same date each year April 21) Fall 2021 – 182/118 Fall 2022 – 236/129</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Rates for Hill Apartments: UG Apartments - \$3,125; Graduate Assistant Apartments - \$1,375; and Family Units – \$2,750. • Institutional Effectiveness and Planning Update: Timeline of the reaccreditation process finalized; QEP topic proposals of better onboarding/orientation, improving first year seminar, and job/career exploration submitted to Dr. Moon. • Campus Forum: Final preparations for the campus forum continued with discussion of topics to be presented. • Calendar Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spring Commencement, May 6th 10:00am, Walter Sillers Coliseum ○ Jackson Alumni Meeting – Thursday, June 23rd, 5:30pm at the Children’s Museum 		
Faculty Senate Update	<p>Dr. Andrew Wegmann provided updates from the most recent Faculty Senate meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Wegmann said it had been an honor to serve in his role as Faculty Senate President. - Elections had been held; Josh Armstrong will take over as Faculty Senate President at today’s meeting and Taylor Skelton will serve as President-Elect of Faculty Senate. 		Andrew Wegmann
Action Items:			
Social Work Admissions Requirements	<p>Taylor Skelton presented the changes to the admissions requirements for the Social Work program. The admissions requirements are being updated due to recommendations by their accrediting body. Motion to approve the changes to the admissions requirements was made by Leslie Griffin and seconded by Beverly Moon. 11-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</p>	Approved.	
Course Fee Requests	<p>Requests for a new/adjusted course fee were submitted for the courses below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MUS 150 – new fee amount: \$40 - MUS 151 – new fee amount: \$40 - MUS 250 – new fee amount: \$40 	Approved.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MUS 251 – new fee amount: \$40 - PER 475 – new fee amount: \$100 - PER 485 – new fee amount: \$100 - NUR 307 – new fee amount: \$398 - NUR 312 – new fee amount: \$448 - NUR 333 – new fee amount: \$190 - NUR 336 – new fee amount: \$240 - NUR 337 – new fee amount: \$157 - NUR 402 – new fee amount: \$388 - NUR 441 – new fee amount: \$277 - NUR 442 – new fee amount: \$302 - NUR 311 RN-BSN – new fee amount: \$0 - NUR 320 RN-BSN – new fee amount: \$65 - NUR 442 RN-BSN – new fee amount: \$104 - NUR 603 – new fee amount: \$70 - NUR 605 – new fee amount: \$174 - NUR 625 – new fee amount: \$339 - NUR 680 – new fee amount: \$308 		
Course/Curriculum Action Requests:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Curriculum Action Request – BS in Entertainment Industry Studies – Jeff Slagell made a motion to approve removal of the multi-media technology concentration from the BS in EIS degree and was seconded by Vicki Bingham. 11-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried. - Curriculum Action Request – MA in Teaching – Beverly Moon made a motion to approve changes to the program requirements that lead to licensure for the Elementary and Secondary tracks and was seconded by Leslie Griffin. 11-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried. - Course Action Requests – CEL 514 Early Literacy I; CEL 615 Early Literacy II; CRD 629 Diagnosis and Remediation of Reading Difficulties; CUR 600 STEM Methods; CUR 635 High Leverage Practices in the Content Areas – Leslie Griffin made a motion to approve the addition of these courses for all MAT programs with an elementary track and was seconded by Jeff Slagell. 11-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried. 		
Discussion:			
Expectations for Fall 2022 Class Activities	<p>Provost Novobilski said to expect a letter this summer discussing the University’s efforts on coming back from COVID. Faculty are expected to be on campus for office hours and face-to-face courses will no longer be offered in an online format as previously done during the pandemic. Policies that were edited for the pandemic may need to be reviewed over the summer.</p>		
Adjourned:	9:40 AM		
Next Meeting:	Thursday, May 12, 2022 @ 8:30 AM		