

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Minutes

July 23, 2020

Present: Charles McAdams, Vicki Bingham, Edwin Craft, Emily Dabney, Ellen Green, Leslie Griffin, Beverly Moon, Christy Riddle, Jeff Slagell, Jon Westfall

Absent: Billy Moore

Guests:

Call to order: A meeting of the Academic Council was held via Zoom on July 23, 2020. The meeting convened at 8:30 AM with Provost McAdams presiding.

Announcements:

Agenda item	Comments/Discussion	Action taken	Responsible party
Approval of Minutes:	June 25, 2020	Approved with submitted edits.	
Informational Item:			
Spring Commencement	All segments have been filmed and are currently being edited and compiled. The final air date will most likely be August 3 rd .		
Tutor.com	The Student Success Center will be launching Tutor.com on August 1 st . This tool will be added into all Canvas shells and will be available to all students. Students will receive an account and will be provided with hours available for 24/7 tutoring. Faculty will have access to view transcripts from each tutoring session.		
Action Items:			
Curriculum Action Request – Bachelor of Applied Science in Geospatial Analysis & Intelligence	Dr. Ellen Green presented a Curriculum Action Request form requesting to reduce the number of required general education credits needed for successful completion of the BAS-GAI. The action will better align BAS-GAI degree requirements with existing Gen Ed requirements for all applied baccalaureate degrees. Motion to approve the Curriculum Action Request for BAS-GAI was made and seconded. 9-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.	Approved.	Dr. Ellen Green
Discussion:			
Fall Preparation	The fall semester is still scheduled to meet with a blend of online and hybrid courses. Cabinet is currently working on an action plan to provide to faculty, staff and students. Provost McAdams did request Academic Council’s perspective on students having total discretion to attend classes fully online this fall or requiring students to provide a medical reason from a physician. A straw poll indicated support for giving students full discretion on a vote of 6-Y; 2-N; 1-Abstain.		

	<p>States Cares funds are being used to purchase computers for labs as well as for loaner check-outs on an as-needed basis.</p> <p>The Provost emphasized the importance of faculty providing students with simple instructions about what to expect the first day of class and what their meeting schedules would look like as the semester progresses. Faculty need to be thinking about this now so that the information is available in Canvas by the first day of class, if not before.</p>		
Beyond Fall	<p>Provost McAdams provided documents titled “Five Trends Higher Education Leaders Face” and “Preparing for a Challenging Winter” to Academic Council. These documents contain interesting findings that education leaders may find helpful as the fall semester approaches. The second document makes it clear the number of COVID-19 cases will greatly increase next Winter and the impact on higher education and society will continue for another 18 – 24 months.</p>		
Adjourned:	10:01 AM		
Next Meeting:	Thursday, August 13, 2020 @ 8:30 AM		