

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Minutes

October 28, 2021

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

Absent: Gray Kane

Guests:

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Academic Council was held in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room on October 28, 2021. The meeting convened at 8:33 AM with Provost Novobilski presiding.

Announcements: Pre-registration for the spring 2022 semester opens next week.

The School of Nursing will be tailgating at the Homecoming game. The College of Education & Human Sciences will have a float in the Homecoming parade as well as a large group attending the Homecoming game for anyone that would like to join.

Dean Green invited everyone to attend the Amanda and Joe Baker Laboratory Dedication on October 29th at 2:30 PM in Caylor-White. Also, Dean Green reminded everyone of the upcoming planetarium events.

Dean Moore announced that the Commercial Aviation department has been hosting flying competitions this week and there will be an awards banquet this evening, October 28th at 6:00 PM in the Jacob Conference Center.

Provost Novobilski is planning to host a full faculty meeting on Tuesday, March 1st at 2:30 PM in Jacob Conference Center.

Agenda item	Comments/Discussion	Action taken	Responsible party
Approval of Minutes:	October 14, 2021	Approved.	
Informational Item:			
Cabinet Update	<p>Dr. Vicki Bingham provided updates from the Cabinet meetings held on October 18th and 26th:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mask mandates remain in place at this time. The University is currently evaluating its status regarding federal contracts to determine if it must follow the federal requirements of all employees being vaccinated against COVID-19 by December 8th.- Homecoming is this week and has been filled with many well-attended events.- A faculty/staff forum is scheduled for Thursday, November 11th at 3 PM in Union 302A.		Vicki Bingham

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provost Novobilski and Dr. Eddie Lovin made presentations to Cabinet regarding the enrollment and budget outlook. There has been a steady decline in enrollment since 2006. Strategies to combat the decline include geographically strategic recruitment efforts, better utilization of scholarships, offering waivers for admission applications, focusing on retention through advisement and assessments, updates to the registration and orientation process, showcasing a welcoming environment, maintaining strong relationships with donors, and being more consistent with data management. - Naming of Campus Facilities policy renamed to Naming Opportunities. An additional revision made to the policy was the elimination of the naming advisory committee. Naming recommendations will be presented directly to Cabinet. - Roofing and elevator repairs are continuing. 		
Faculty Senate Update	Dr. Andrew Wegmann reported that Faculty Senate passed a resolution to amend the curriculum policy in hopes to create a college curriculum committee and a university-wide curriculum committee.		Andrew Wegmann
Action Items:			
Academic Standing	<p>Emily Dabney discussed the proposed changes of the Academic Standing Policy and gave everyone an opportunity to mention items they would like further information about, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Impacts to financial aid - Number of students who are on probation, as well as the number of students who are successful after being readmitted following academic suspension. - Checklist/template for the Academic Recovery Plan <p>Emily will move forward with the research, but this item may be tabled until after commencement.</p>	Tabled.	Emily Dabney
Discussion:			
Adjourned:	10:15 AM		
Next Meeting:	Thursday, November 11, 2021 @ 8:30 AM		