

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Minutes

February 10, 2022

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

Absent:

Guests: Guest Speakers – Mrs. Corley Mullins, Campaign & Research Coordinator & Miss Mary Parker Janoush, Director of Donor Relations; Dr. Jana Donahoe, Chair of Social Work; Dr. Karen Fosheim, Chair of the Music Department; James Gerald, Associate Professor of Physics and Director of the Honors Program; Gina Jenkins, Chair of Speech & Hearing Sciences; Michelle Johansen, Coordinator of Diversity, Equality & Inclusion; Cetin Oguz, Chair of the Art Department; Mike Smith, Chair of the Division of Languages & Literature

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Academic Council was held in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room on February 10, 2022. The meeting convened at 8:31 AM with Provost Novobilski presiding.

Announcements:

- The Provost publicly thanked Dr. Ouida McAfee for taking on the role on the Interim Director of the Gertrude C. Ford Center for Teaching and Learning.
- 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.
- Honors Choir is being held this week: February 10th-12th. 162 high school students are on campus for this event. The DSU Honor Concert will be held Saturday, February 12th at 2:00 PM in the BPAC.
- Student Success will be hosting an International Coffee Hour at Zoe Coffee Company on Tuesday, February 15th from 4-5:30 PM.

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 January 27, 2022 meeting was made and seconded.	Approved.	
Guest Speakers: Corley Mullins & Mary Parker Janoush	Corley Mullins and Mary Parker Janoush shared information about the campus-wide Foundation Scholarship Reception that is being planned. The tentative date is scheduled for the morning of Tuesday, April 12 th at Walter Sillers Coliseum from 9:30-11:00 AM. The Foundation is hoping to reinstitute the tradition of the annual scholarship reception so that donors and students can interact along with deans, chairs, and professors.		
Informational Item:			
Cabinet Update	Dr. Vicki Bingham provided the following updates from the most recent Cabinet meetings: - Facilities Management Update: Campus-wide roofing project is on schedule, and it should be completed by the end of March. The		Vicki Bingham

	<p>campus-wide elevator project will be complete once the flooring is replaced in the elevators. The university was approved for an additional grant from MDOT to finish the sidewalks on campus. The university continues to use our Repair and Renovation funds for projects around campus; however, materials are hard to procure and receive in a timely manner. The Delta Music Institute needs a new roof, and the university is going to use insurance funds to replace it. Jamie should know by the end of the week the amount of funds the university will be allocated from the American Recovery Act.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Budget Update: Budget phases I & II distributed to departments for completion; according to Jamie a 360-degree review is being done in each area of the budget; discussion still occurring in regards to estimated enrollment with tuition.- Legislative Update: Tuesday, February 1st is the deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments that originated in their own chamber. Mr. Munroe shared some legislation being tracked by IHL: HB 1313 and SB 2165. House Bill 1313 will provide tuition assistance to foster children for attendance at approved postsecondary educational institutions. Senate Bill 2165 will prohibit state agencies from approving a request for state-funded or state-sponsored travel to any state, county, or municipality that has enacted law, ordinance, or regulation prohibiting employee travel to the state of Mississippi. IHL Commissioner Al Rankins requested feedback from the Institutional Executive Officers on legislation that would prohibit the teaching of “Critical Race Theory” in public schools, the Institutions of Higher Learning, and public charter schools. On behalf of Delta State, President LaForge shared with Commissioner Rankins the university’s stance on not supporting “Critical Race Theory” legislation. Mr. Munroe shared that the IHL system is requesting \$75 million for Repair and Renovation funds, and Delta State’s portion would be \$6 million. Senator Sarita Simmons began conversations for a Senate proclamation for Dr. Lusia “Lucy” Harris-Stewart.		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Challenges and Goals: President LaForge shared with Cabinet members the challenges and goals he has for the university over the next two years. He compiled this information for his bi-annual performance evaluation with Commissioner Al Rankins. The challenges for the university are: enrollment decline; budgetary and financial sustainability; negative public perception; campus team effort/apathy; and, private fundraising. Goals for the next two years are: improve financial sustainability metric to 90 days of cash (five year goal or less); increase enrollment with smarter recruiting and program offerings, improved marketing, and realistic goals; realign core functions and structure with budget realities, and make budget adjustments; prepare for the SACSCOC reaffirmation in 2024; improve customer service culture to meet students' needs; increase internal accountability and communication; improve university standing, reputation, and pride with marketing campaign; and, raise \$20 million for Centennial Capital Campaign. - Spring 2022 Colloquia Series: President LaForge announced that the Spring 2022 Colloquia Series will take place on March 8th, 6:00pm at Jobe Auditorium featuring The Honorable David Bowen. Congressman Bowen's lecture will focus on his observations of the state and climate of the U.S. government and national politics, and in light of the cultural and political divides that affect the country. During his time on campus, Congressman Bowen will visit with student leaders and speak to classes. - Big Green Event: Will Young informed Cabinet members about the Student Government Association (SGA) sponsored Big Green Event on April 23rd. The inaugural event will serve Delta State and the Cleveland area in a Big Green Community Service project. During the Big Green Event, Delta State students will complete a campus and Cleveland community service day. SGA's has a goal of 200 students contributing to the event (event brochure emailed campus-wide). - Additional Information/Calendar Items: 		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Young announced SGA campaigns begin on February 10. SGA Elections will begin the first week of March. ○ Mr. Munroe provided a personnel update. Ms. Rhonda Williams is retiring from Mailing and Printing Services. Mr. Dean Arnold is the new Alumni Affairs Coordinator. ○ Dr. Lovin announced he is working in the Office of Academic Affairs on Mondays and Wednesdays to work with his divisions located in Kent Wyatt Hall. ○ The British Invasion, February 15th, 7:30 p.m., BPAC ○ NSISC Swim and Dive Championships, February 16-19th, Ronald G. Mayers Aquatics Center ○ Mississippi Municipal League’s annual Youth Summit, DSU campus, February 26th. 		
Faculty Senate Update	<p>Dr. Andrew Wegmann provided updates from the most recent Faculty Senate meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The draft of the Curriculum Development and Revision Policy will be discussed at today’s Faculty Senate meeting. - Discussing the Annual Evaluation resolution as well as the goals distributed by President LaForge during the last Cabinet meeting. 		Andrew Wegmann
Action Items:			
Curriculum Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Course Action Request – ART 429 African American Art – Motion to add Art 429 African American Art as a course was made and seconded. A Curriculum Action Request needed to accompany this request and it was recommended that the wording in the course description be edited. Tabled. - Curriculum Action Request – Honors Program – Recommended that this change be submitted to the General Education Committee beforehand. Tabled. - Course Action Request – ENG 101 English Composition I – Motion to approve the request to update the corequisite from ENG 105 to ENG 104 was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried. - Course Action Request – ENG 423 Trauma in Memoir and Autobiography – Motion to approve the deletion of ENG 423 was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried. - Curriculum Action Request – BA/BSE in English – Motion to approve the deletion of ENG 423 Trauma in Memoir and Autobiography from the curriculum was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried. - Curriculum Action Request – Ethnic Studies Minor – Motion to change the name of the minor to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and update the curriculum of the minor was made and seconded. Tabled. - Course Action Request – SWO 305 Social Work Skills – Request to update the course description due to adding an applied grammar writing lab to the course to help students write professionally. Tabled. - Course Action Request – SHS 332 Disorders of Articulation – Motion to approve the name change from Disorders of Articulation to Speech Sound Disorders was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0- 		

	<p>abstention. Motion carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Course Action Request – MUS 105 – Update course name to Music in Cultural Context. Course Action Request – MUS 301 – Update course name to Music History I. Course Action Request – MUS 302 – Update course name to Music History II; remove unnecessary prerequisites. Course Action Request – MUS 330 Music Technology – New course. Course Action Request – MUS 360 – Update course name to Piano Literature I; update prerequisites and two semester sequence. Course Action Request – MUS 362 Piano Literature II – New course. Course Action Request – MUS 400 Functional Keyboard Skills – New course. <p>Motion to approve the bundle of course action requests in one motion was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</p> <p>Motion to approve all music course action requests presented was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Curriculum Action Request – Bachelor of Arts in Music – Delete PHI 400-level Special Degree requirement and add MUS 300 Music Technology to the curriculum. Motion to approve all music course action requests presented was made and seconded. 9-approved, 1-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried. - Curriculum Action Request – Bachelor of Music – Revision to concentrations. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried. 		
University Curriculum Committee	The revised Curriculum Development and Revision policy was presented. An edit to add the wording of Graduate Council to the policy where applicable was recommended, as well as the addition of the definition of the Graduate Council. Motion to approve the revised version of the Curriculum Development and Revision with the wording amendment was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.	Approved.	Provost Novobilski
Discussion:			
Adjourned:	10:46 AM		
Next Meeting:	Thursday, February 24, 2022 @ 8:30 AM		