

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Minutes

March 10, 2022

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

Absent: Leslie Griffin

Guests: Tomeka Harbin, Chair of Management, Marketing & Business Administration; Christopher Jurgenson, Sullivan-Outlaw Associate Professor of Biochemistry; Cetin Oguz, Chair and Professor of Art

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Academic Council was held in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room on March 10, 2022. The meeting convened at 8:33 AM with Provost Novobilski presiding.

Announcements:

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 the minutes of the February 24, 2022 meeting 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"> - President LaForge and Rick Munroe traveled to Washington DC to speak with Mississippi’s Congressional delegation. Three proposals were presented to them: 1) expansion of the campus radio station; 2) Center for Rural STEM Education (CRSE); and 3) extension of Statesmen Boulevard. - Facilities Management Update - Campus-wide roofing project is on schedule, and should be completed by the end of March. Bids for the Delta Music Institute roof and water damage in Broom Hall are due on March 15th – it is anticipated that both of these projects will be completed by June 30th. Groundbreaking ceremony for the SON expansion/renovation is scheduled Monday, March 21st at 1:00pm in the west parking lot. If inclement weather, then ceremony will be in the Jacob Conference Center. The bond fund cycle priorities list will be brought to Cabinet soon for approval. The memorandum of understanding for the golf course development project was signed by the developer – President LaForge waiting to receive and sign – once all signatures obtained, the attorney will create the ground lease and development plan for approval by IHL. Mr. Rutledge received the MDOT award letter for the sidewalk project (approximately \$700,000) – DSU must provide a 20% 		Vicki Bingham

match; Parking lot behind Cain/Tatum residence hall to be bid out; still waiting on R&R funds for 2023.

- Athletic Update: Women’s basketball finished the SEC tournament in Birmingham; Swimming and diving team had 17 students athletes qualify to compete in the NCAA DII Swimming and Diving Championships that started Wednesday, March 9th in Greensboro, NC; Softball team will play Lee University at home this Thursday & Friday (supposed to have been this Friday & Saturday, but moved up due to the possibility of inclement weather in Cleveland area); then at home Tuesday, March 15th with University of Arkansas at Monticello; then they travel to Carrollton, GA to play at the University of West Georgia; Baseball still scheduled to play Lee University this weekend at home and then at the University of West Georgia next weekend; Men’s Tennis Team will be playing this weekend (Friday & Saturday) in FL; Women’s Tennis team will play University of West Georgia next weekend; Men’s Golf team to play Valdosta State University at Valdosta GA Monday, March 14th and Tuesday, March 15th.
- Telecommunication Policy – approved with a revision (change the acronym “DSU” to Delta State University) throughout the policy.
- Summer Work Schedule – approved as follows: Office hours – 7:00am-5:30pm, Monday through Thursday with a 30-minute lunch break. The summer work schedule will begin on Monday, May 9th and end on Thursday, August 11th. Kent Wyatt Hall will remain open on Fridays. Offices are not required to be open on Friday unless special departmental activities/events require them to be open if deemed a critical need by the respective vice president.
- COVID-19 Protocols – revised – approval obtained for the Speech and Hearing Clinic to be considered as a clinical setting, thus mask required. An amendment to the COVID-19 protocols was requested by Dr. Wegmann to help each member of the DSU community to feel protected and secure in individual offices. This amendment was approved. The amendment adds the following standards:
Any employee to whom an individual office is registered may require that masks be worn by all who enter that office, provided that the following expectations are met:
 - o That the office is registered to and under the sole control of the

	<p>individual establishing the mask requirement and that no other person, registered or not, regularly occupies the office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ That the individual establishing the mask requirement provides a mask free of charge to all people entering the office ○ That, regardless of anyone’s willingness to abide by the office’s mask policy, the services of that office are guaranteed to all who seek them ○ That in the case of an individual’s refusal to follow the office’s mask policy, the burden of guaranteeing the services of the office falls upon the person providing the service rather than the person seeking the service <p>This amendment is not to be interpreted as a requirement in and of itself, and that the establishment of a mask mandate within an individual’s office is entirely optional and is contained fully within the purview of the individual whose office it effects.</p> <p>Any mask requirement derived from this amendment does not extend to any common area or lobby attached or adjacent to an individual’s office. Classrooms do not fall under this amendment in any way, even if a classroom meets the standard defined within.</p> <p>This amendment will expire in full on Monday, April 4th, 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SACSCOC Update – The Monitoring Report has been submitted to EC for review and feedback; the QEP committee has narrowed down potential topics: 1) updating and upgrading the First Year Seminar program; 2) career and professional preparation; President LaForge, Dr. Michelle Roberts, Dr. Novobilski, and Dr. Moon will meet this Friday to discuss the university strategic plan. - Enrollment Update/Overview – As of Friday, March 3rd & Monday, March 7th – 91 confirmed (means these students have signed up for an orientation); 841 admitted; 1,994 Incomplete Applications (Missing Documents); 323 Started Applications Online; 4,982 Prospects – Total Targeted Students are 8,196; Graduate Applications up for summer and fall. - Graduation Ceremony – will be in coliseum - only one ceremony at 10:00am on Friday, May 6th; 7 tickets per student. - Budget Plans for FY23 Update – EC continues to discuss and work on first draft of the budget; Each VP and Mr. Kinnison are reviewing their respective areas for adjustments, and those adjustments are due March 10, 2022. The enrollment projection for Fall 2022 to be used for budget planning is 2,275 – 		
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total reduction to the university budget is \$3.4 million. With the proposed tuition increase and projected savings, the remaining reductions needed are \$830,000. If a \$300,000 cash contingency is added to the budget, \$1.1 million in reductions will be needed. Budget to be discussed with Cabinet members on Monday, March 21st.

- Legislative Update - Mr. Munroe reported that the state revenue at this time was \$768 million – up from last year; Critical Race Theory (CRT) bill passed and probably will be signed by the Governor; Deadline for bills to get through the opposite chamber is Wednesday, March 15th.
- Additional Information/Calendar Items
 - Incoming Cabinet members began shadowing Monday, March 7th – these incoming members are: Faculty Senate President Elect – Josh Armstrong, Staff Council Chair-Elect – Caroline Fletcher, and Academic Council representative – Dr. Leslie Griffin; incoming SGA President will begin shadowing after elections are complete (elections finalized and results reported this week)
 - Student Volleyball course project in the final stages prior to construction – anticipate project will be completed by April 4th
 - Six students participated in the Student Legislation Day at the State Capitol
 - During SGA elections, students were provided an opportunity to vote on a new Okra Card design and a new name for the “We Proudly Serve” café in the Union
 - SGA Awareness Week – March 7th-11th. SGA will advertise heavily for the Big Green Event during this time – projects are still needed – deadline March 18th; a tent will be set-up outside the Union Thursday and Friday to promote event - donuts will be provided
 - Annual Juried Student Exhibition Opening, March 10th at 5:00pm in the Fielding Wright Art Museum
 - Winning the Race Conference – Monday, March 28th and Tuesday, March 29th - encourage participation in the making of a video with a friend/colleague.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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"> - Faculty Senate hasn't met since the last AC meeting, but will met today. - Working on a comment/statement for the Critical Race Theory bill. - Faculty Senate elections will occur next month. - Working on resolution for transmitting forms electronically, particularly curriculum forms. 		Andrew Wegmann
Action Items:			
Appendix 10: Bachelor of Business Administration	<p>Dr. Tomeka proposed offering the General Business Administration concentration in an online format. Edits to the academic map were recommended, which included allowing CHE 110 or GIS 202 to count towards the General Education Lab Science requirement.</p> <p>Motion to approve the Appendix 10 for BBA: GBA was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</p>	Approved.	
Curriculum Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Course Action Request – ART 419 Women in the Arts – Motion to approve the request to update the course description was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried. - Course Action Request – ART 429 African American Art – Motion to approve the addition of ART 429 was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried. - Curriculum Action Request – Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Fine Arts; Adding ART 429 as an alternative Art History course under the Foundation section – Motion to approve the change to the BA/BFA was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried. - Curriculum Action Request – Bachelor of Fine Arts; Retitling cognate section in the BFA degree as Art Studio elective and allowing students to take any 300/400 level art course to avoid degree evaluation issues and enhance the interdisciplinary nature of the BFA degree. Motion to approve the change to the BFA cognate section was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried. - Curriculum Action Request – Ethnic Studies Minor; Change name to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and add/remove some courses – Motion to approve name change and course additions/removals was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried. - Curriculum Action Request – BSE Mathematics Education – Adding MAT 251 to the General Education list, reducing electives. Motion to approve change to BSE Mathematics Education was made and seconded. 9-approved, 0-nay, 1-abstention. Motion carried. - Curriculum Action Request – Bachelor of Science: Mathematics – Adding MAT 251 to the General Education list, reducing electives. Motion to approve change to BS Mathematics was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried. - Course Action Request – MAT 251 Calculus I – Motion to approve adding this course to the General Education options was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried. 		

- **Course Action Requests – MAT 485 Introduction to Teaching Secondary Mathematics & MAT 486 Teaching Secondary Mathematics I** – Motion to approve the updates to the course description for MAT 485/486 was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. **Motion carried.**
- **Course Action Request – MAT 105 Plane Trigonometry** – Motion to add MAT 105 to the General Education option and remove corequisite was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. **Motion carried.**
- **Course Action Request – MAT 331 Mathematics Through Problem Solving** – Motion to approve updating the prerequisites and clarify that the course is not for Math Ed majors was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. **Motion carried.**
- **Course Action Requests – MAT 103 Quantitative Reasoning, MAT 104 College Algebra, MAT 115 Basic Probability and Statistics** – Motion to approve the updated course descriptions from adding recitation courses was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. **Motion carried.**
- **Course Action Request – MAT 111 Quantitative Reasoning Recitation, MAT 110 College Algebra Recitation, MAT 112 Basic Probability and Statistics Recitation** – Tabled.
- **Course Action Request – PHY 211 Physics for Aviation** – Motion to approve the addition of PHY 211 was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. **Motion carried.**
- **Course Action Request – PHY 212 Physics for Aviation Lab** – Motion to approve the addition of PHY 212 was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. **Motion carried.**
- **Course Action Request – BIO 334 Investigating the Natural World** – Motion to approve adding CEL 301 as a prerequisite was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. **Motion carried.**
- **Course Action Request – BIO 435 Methods and Materials for Teaching the Sciences** – Motion to approve the change to prerequisite was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. **Motion carried.**
- **Course Action Request – CHE 101 General Chemistry I** – Motion to approve the change to prerequisite was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. **Motion carried.**
- **Course Action Request – CHE 441 Biochemistry II** – Motion to approve adding the cross listing statement to the course description was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. **Motion carried.**
- **Course Action Request – CHE 443 Biochemistry III** – Motion to approve adding the cross listing statement to the course description made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. **Motion carried.**
- **Curriculum Action Request – Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science: Agri-business** – Motion to approve changing the course requirements for the curriculum to maintain the program hours at 120 hours was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. **Motion carried.**
- **Curriculum Action Request – Bachelor of Business Administration: Agri-business** – Tabled.
- **Curriculum Action Request – Bachelor of Business Administration: General Business Administration** – Motion to approve the request to of the 24 hours needed for the GBA major be student selected 300/400 level approved electives was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. **Motion carried.**
- **Curriculum Action Request – Bachelor of Applied Science** – Motion to approve removing the requirements of both ECO 210 and 211 by selecting either one to meet the requirement was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. **Motion carried.**
- **Course Action Request – MGT 305 Supervisory Management** – Motion to approve changing the course

	<p>title and description was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Course Action Request – MGT 347 Human Resource Management – Motion to approve changes to align with the academic map and catalog listing was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried. - Course Action Request – Master of Commercial Aviation – Motion to approve adding MGT 605 Human Resource Management as a requirement was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.
Discussion:	
Fall Faculty Meeting Date	Provost Novobilski asked everyone to be thinking about a date that would work best for the fall faculty meeting, preferably before classes begin.
Women in Aviation Graduation Stole	Emily Dabney mentioned the possibility of Women in Aviation wearing stoles at graduation. Academic Council decided that the stoles in question would not be worn, but pins would be acceptable. The Provost would like to have a committee formed after graduation to discuss the policy for cords/stoles for future graduation ceremonies.
Adjourned:	11:09 AM
Next Meeting:	Thursday, March 24, 2022 @ 8:30 AM