

**ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

**Minutes**

**March 24, 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, President-Elect of Faculty Senate; Jon Westfall, Associate Professor & Coordinator of Psychology; Lisa Lacy, Instructor of Family & Consumer Sciences; David Hebert, Associate Professor of Mathematics

**Call to order:** A regular meeting of the Academic Council was held in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room on March 24, 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 with the addition of the SACSCOC update was made and seconded. All in favor.	<b>Approved.</b>	
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2022 meeting with recommended edits was made and seconded. All in favor.	<b>Approved.</b>	
<b>Informational Item:</b>			
Cabinet Update	<p>Dr. Vicki Bingham provided the following updates from the most recent Cabinet meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “Winning the Race” conference begins this Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm at the Amzie Moore Museum &amp; Interpretive Center and will continue to Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 1:45pm. Conference details can be found at <a href="https://www.deltastate.edu/winning-the-race/schedule/">https://www.deltastate.edu/winning-the-race/schedule/</a>.</li> <li>- Student Art Exhibition - President’s Award went to Bonnie Jean Dillon and Lola Templeton</li> <li>- Honorary Degree to be awarded to Mr. Walt Bettinger of Charles Schwab</li> <li>- No COVID cases reported at DSU</li> <li>- Athletic Update:</li> <li>- Baseball to play at home against University of Southern Indiana beginning Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> - 5pm, 2pm, and 12 Noon, respectively; Baseball will play Ouachita Baptist University at Arkadelphia, AR Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 3pm; Men’s &amp; Women’s Tennis</li> </ul>		Vicki Bingham

	<p>Teams to play Auburn University in Montgomery this Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> and then the University of Montevallo at home Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>; Men’s Golf to play Southern Arkansas University at Magnolia, AR Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> &amp; Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>; and Softball to play University of Arkansas at Monticello, AR Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 1 &amp; 3 pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spring football practice began Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.</li> <li>- Coach Craig Roden, Head Women’s Basketball coach, retired. Athletics is reviewing applications.</li> <li>- Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM (two classes to be inducted).</li> <li>- Facilities Management Update:</li> <li>- Campus-wide roofing project is on schedule, and should be completed by the end of March.</li> <li>- Bids for the Delta Music Institute roof and water damage in Broom Hall came in high, so may have to be bid again – it is anticipated that both of these projects will be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>- Groundbreaking ceremony for the SON expansion/renovation was held on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00pm in the west parking lot.</li> <li>- Bids received for renovation of the parking lot behind Cain-Tatum/Fugler-Hammett residence hall – project starting soon.</li> <li>- It has been indicated that R&amp;R funds for this AY year will be re-appropriated due to difficulties in getting contractors, etc.</li> <li>- Staff Emeritus recommendations were approved for three individuals retiring.</li> <li>- Year-end Spending Deadlines – Email sent Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> indicating that only expenditures absolutely necessary will be approved after April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Procurement and travel cards will be suspended March 31<sup>st</sup> until July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.</li> <li>- Enrollment Update:  <u>Undergraduate</u> (as of same date each year)  First Time Freshmen Admitted:</li> </ul>		
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	<p>Fall 2021 – 748                      Fall 2022 – 745</p> <p>Transfer Students Admitted</p> <p>Fall 2021 – 189                      Fall 2022 – 153</p> <p>Readmitted Students</p> <p>Fall 2021 – 8                      Fall 2022 – 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Graduate</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduate Students Applied &amp; Admitted (as of same date each year)</li> <li>Fall 2021 – 135/34                      Fall 2022 – 170/80</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Legislative Update – Final discussions regarding bonds and appropriations will be this week – hoping for an increase.</li> <li>- SACSCOC Update – Monitoring report due by April 1<sup>st</sup>: it will be submitted this week. Three QEP subcommittees have been formed: 1) Onboarding/Orientation; 2) FYS re-design; 3) Career Exploration; A Strategic Plan taskforce is being formed to establish benchmarks &amp; key performance indicators for each unit’s goals to align with SP goals</li> <li>- Calendar Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Big Band Bash with DSU Jazz Ensemble, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, Cleveland Country Club</li> <li>▪ Most Beautiful Pageant, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm, BPAC</li> <li>▪ Leanne Morgan, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm, BPAC</li> <li>▪ Go Green Weekend, April 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup></li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
Faculty Senate Update	<p>Dr. Andrew Wegmann provided updates from the most recent Faculty Senate meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First reading on resolution to convert some signature processes to a digital format passed.</li> <li>- Planning an informal meeting on the budget within the next few days.</li> <li>- Will call a meeting on resolution regarding offices hours for recitation faculty.</li> </ul>		Andrew Wegmann
<b>Action Items:</b>			
Distance Learning Fee	<p>Discussion ensued regarding whether or not a distance learning fee should be charged for hybrid courses. Data is going to be compiled and will be discussed at the next Academic Council meeting.</p>	<b>Tabled.</b>	
General Education Recommendations	<p>The General Education Committee makes the following recommendations following their February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- English 200/201 to count for composition or literature credit</li> <li>- HON 102 should count under Personal Development and needs to state for 2-</li> </ul>		

	<p>4 hours of engagement per week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- HON 290 under Perspectives on Society and has two competencies GE5 and 6. This course was approved with the advice that HON 290 be reduced to one GE competency, i.e. GE6.</li> </ul> <p>Motion to approve the recommendations from the General Education Committee was made and seconded. 11-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. <b>Motion carried.</b></p>		
Curriculum Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Course Action Request – MAT 110 College Algebra Recitation; MAT 111 Quantitative Reasoning Recitation; MAT 112 Basic Probability and Statistics Recitation</b> – Motion to combine approving MAT 110, 111 and 112 into one motion was made and seconded. All in favor. Carries. Additional motion to approve the addition of MAT 110, 111 and 112 was made and seconded. 11-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. <b>Motion carried.</b></li> <li>- <b>Course Action Request – PSY 330 Research Methods</b> – Motion to approve updating the course title of PSY 330 to Research Methods was made and seconded. 11-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. <b>Motion carried.</b></li> <li>- <b>Curriculum Action Request – Bachelor of Arts in Psychology</b> – Motion to approve adding PSY 420 Applied Behavior Analysis to the applied cluster area was made and seconded. 11-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. <b>Motion carried.</b></li> <li>- <b>Curriculum Action Request – Bachelor of Science in Family &amp; Consumer Sciences (Fashion Merchandising)</b> – Motion to approve updating the curriculum for the purpose of removing any terminology that was not an official classification of degree requirements was made and seconded. 11-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. <b>Motion carried.</b></li> <li>- <b>Curriculum Action Request – Bachelor of Science in Family &amp; Consumer Sciences (Nutrition and Dietetics concentration)</b> – Motion to delete the Nutrition and Dietetics concentration was made and seconded. 11-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. <b>Motion carried.</b></li> <li>- <b>Curriculum Action Request – Bachelor of Business Administration: Management; Marketing; Healthcare Administration; General Business Administration; Accountancy; Computer Information Systems; Finance</b> – Motion to approve updating curriculum for the BBA concentrations to accommodate the addition of adding MGT 487 Business Analytics to the business core was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 1-abstention. <b>Motion carried.</b></li> <li>- <b>Curriculum Action Request – Bachelor of Commercial Aviation in Aviation Management</b> – Motion to approve updating curriculum for the BCA in Aviation Management and Logistics concentrations to accommodate the addition of adding MGT 487 Business Analytics to the business core was made and seconded. 11-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. <b>Motion carried.</b></li> </ul>		
<b>Discussion:</b>			
<b>Budget – FY23</b>	<p>Budgets for FY23 are in the midst of being planned. The Office of Academic Affairs surrendered 5 unfilled lines for cost savings, plus the closure of Jobe Hall for classes and offices (no job losses). Money was saved by OIT moving from Ellucian to in-house. The Provost will try to fund Phase II items from a Foundation account, but the absolutely necessary items from Phase II must be brought to the Provost as soon as possible. The Provost also asked everyone to refer to and follow the guidelines from Jamie Rutledge’s recent email regarding the budget cutoff timelines. A campus budget forum is being planned.</p>		

<b>SACSCOC Update</b>	A Strategic Plan taskforce has been formed to establish benchmarks and key performance indicators for each unit. The taskforce met on Monday to review University goals.		
<b>Adjourned:</b>	10:35 AM		
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	Thursday, April 14, 2022 @ 8:30 AM		