

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Minutes

June 8, 2023

Present: Andrew Novobilski, Vicki Bingham, Emily Dabney, James Gerald, Ellen Green, Leslie Griffin, Chris Jurgenson, Kristen Land; Christy Riddle, Jeff Slagell

Absent: Edwin Craft; Billy Moore; Josie Welsh

Guests: Chrisa Mansell, Director of Institutional Research & Planning; Glendscene Williams, Interim Chair of Accountancy, CIS & Finance

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Academic Council was held in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room on June 8, 2023. The meeting convened at 8:31 AM with Provost Novobilski presiding.

Agenda item	Comments/Discussion	Action taken	Responsible party
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve the agenda was made by Jeff Slagell and seconded by Chris Jurgenson. All in favor.	Approved.	
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2023 meeting was made by Jeff Slagell and seconded by Vicki Bingham. All in favor.	Approved.	
Guest Speakers:	Trellis Company Presentation		
Informational Item:			
Cabinet Update	Dr. Leslie Griffin & Dr. Ellen Green provided updates from the most recent Cabinet meetings.		Leslie Griffin & Ellen Green
Faculty Senate Update	Faculty Senate hasn't met since May. Dr. Josie Welsh had asked Faculty Senate about their strategic goals and asked that they provide examples of faculty efforts towards that goal. A task force is being compiled to work on the Faculty Handbook. The Faculty Senate website previously wasn't updated. Faculty Senate members and their roles have since been updated and work orders have been submitted for adding minutes and other design aspects of the website. The Provost asked for FS to aim to have the website updated by September 8 th .		Christopher Jurgenson
Institutional Effectiveness and Planning	Absent.		Josie Welsh
Opportunities for Continuous Improvement:			
Action Items:			
Discussion:			
Undecided Undergraduate Majors/Academic Pathways	It is important to identify meta-major students to have them on the best academic pathway for their goals. This may include hiring a professional advisory role to handle advising these students or identifying an advisor within each college to compensate for assisting with advising the meta-major students.		

Summer Terms/Specialized Courses	Summer terms and the specialized courses offered during those terms need to be reviewed. There are 176 courses with over 75 of those courses having 9 or fewer students enrolled. 17 of those courses have 0 enrollment, and a vast majority of the courses are online. Faculty compensations for the summer terms should also be reviewed in the future.		
Dr. Friedman's Workshop	<p>The Provost thanked those responsible for bringing Dr. Friedman to campus. Feedback was that he was an outstanding speaker and those that left his workshop felt energized about the fall First Year Seminar. The Provost asked six questions for assessing the effectiveness of the workshop:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What were the expectations going in? 2. Were those expectations met? 3. What may have occurred that wasn't expected? 4. Will this impact the teaching of FYS? 5. If so, what is the impact it will have? 6. After the semester, follow up with the expectations at the beginning and end of the semester, and how will you teach differently next time? 		
Announcements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff Slagell has submitted his resignation to take a new position in Arkansas, and Joi Phillips will serve in the Interim role for the Library. Dr. Tomeka Harbin will serve a 1-year appointment as Interim Dean of COBA; Dr. Thorn will serve as the Interim Chair of the Music Department; Dr. Corlis Snow will serve as the Interim Chair of Counselor Education and Psychology. • President Ennis has updated the name of the Strategic Planning Committee to the SACSCOC Advisory Committee. 		
Adjourned:	10:21 AM		
Next Meeting:	Thursday, June 22, 2023, @ 8:30 AM.		