

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Minutes

July 27, 2023

Present: Andrew Novobilski, Vicki Bingham, Edwin Craft, Emily Dabney, James Gerald, Ellen Green, Leslie Griffin, Tomeka Harbin, David Hebert, Chris Jurgenson, Kristen Land, Joi Phillips, Josie Welsh

Absent:

Guests: Chrisa Mansell, Director of Institutional Research, Effectiveness and Planning

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Academic Council was held in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room on July 27, 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 James Gerald and seconded by Vicki Bingham. All in favor.	Approved.	
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2023 meeting was made by Chris Jurgenson and seconded by Ellen Green. All in favor.	Approved.	
Guest Speakers:			
Informational Item:			
Cabinet Update	Dr. Ellen Green provided updates from the most recent Cabinet meetings.		Ellen Green
Faculty Senate Update	Faculty Senate drafted a version of the Academic Freedom policy.		Christopher Jurgenson
Institutional Effectiveness and Planning Update	All recent updates were shared at the Academic Affairs Retreat on Tuesday.		Josie Welsh
Opportunities for Continuous Improvement:			
Action Items:			
Academic Freedom Policy	Faculty Senate drafted an Academic Freedom policy, but there were some questions about the wording in Parts 2 and 4. The Provost asked Faculty Senate President Chris Jurgenson to edit the policy and resubmit for an electronic vote. Chris Jurgenson made a motion to accept an electronic vote on this policy, which was seconded by James Gerald. 11-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried. If the vote takes place today, the Provost will request to have this item added to next week's Cabinet meeting agenda.		Chris Jurgenson
Discussion:			
Sun Setting Faculty Engagement/Tech Savvy Award	Dr. Welsh asked for input about the Connected Educator Awards and their effectiveness. Provost Novobilski asked Dr. Jurgenson to discuss this with Faculty Senate and bring back comments and ideas to the Ford Center for Teaching and Learning. This discussion also brought attention to faculty evaluations and a Faculty Recognition		

	Day in the spring. Conversations on both additional topics will be discussed further at a future date.		
Announcements:	<p>Provost Novobilski thanked Hayley Murrell for leading the training of Academic and Administrative secretaries in four Lunch N' Learn sessions this summer, and he also thanked Joi Phillips for allowing Academic Affairs to utilize space in the library for the training sessions.</p> <p>Dr. Welsh is devising surveys for the Secretary Lunch N' Learn sessions, as well as the Academic Affairs Retreat that was held this week. More information to come on those soon.</p> <p>Provost Novobilski is reviewing the travel funds since budgets were released yesterday. More information for the Provost's direct reports regarding travel procedures is forthcoming. He encouraged deans to have chairs check their budgets as well.</p>		
Adjourned:	9:30 AM		
Next Meeting:	Thursday, August 24, 2023, @ 8:30 AM.		