

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Minutes

July 28, 2022

Present: Andrew Novobilski, Josh Armstrong, Vicki Bingham, Edwin Craft, Emily Dabney, James Gerald, Ellen Green, Leslie Griffin, Ouida McAfee (non-voting), Beverly Moon, Billy Moore, Christy Riddle, Jeff Slagell

Absent:

Guests: Chrisa Mansell, Director of Institutional Research and Planning; Cetin Oguz, Chair of the Art Department; Michelle Johansen, Coordinator of DEI; Megan Smith, Director of Financial Aid; Eddie Lovin, Vice President of Student Affairs

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Academic Council was held in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room on July 28, 2022. The meeting convened at 8:30 AM with Provost Novobilski presiding.

Announcements:

- **Dr. Karen Fosheim’s memorial service will be live-streamed on August 5th at 10:30 AM in Zeigel Hall.**
- **Convocation is scheduled for August 11th at 3 PM. Faculty, staff, community, and students are encouraged to attend.**

Agenda item	Comments/Discussion	Action taken	Responsible party
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve the agenda was made by Jeff Slagell and seconded by Edwin Craft. All in favor.	Approved.	
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2022 meeting with edits was made by Jeff Slagell and seconded by Leslie Griffin. All in favor.	Approved.	
Guest Speaker: Dr. Eddie Lovin	Dr. Lovin spoke about enrollment and TCOB days. Currently, 507 new undergraduate students are registered for this fall, with 110 undergraduate admitted students to be registered. August 3 rd and 9 th are the last two TCOB days. No more students will be admitted for fall 2022 after the Thursday prior to the last day to add. Students that are admitted but didn’t attend a TBOB day should see Mrs. Lovin in the Registrar’s office, then see their chair or advisor.		
Informational Item:			
Cabinet Update	Dr. Leslie Griffin provided an update from the last three Cabinet meetings. Discussion ensued about being able to view budget spreadsheets and how the availability of viewing the spreadsheets is delayed by breaking down the spreadsheets by department. Motion to request that the entire budget be available for viewing by each Vice President’s direct reports was made by James Gerald and seconded by Jeff Slagell. 11-approved; 0-nay; 0-abstention. Motion carried.		Leslie Griffin
Faculty Senate Update	Faculty Senate has not met. Josh Armstrong and Andrew Wegmann are planning to meet to discuss guidance on collegiality.		Josh Armstrong
SACSCOC Summer Meeting	Dr. Beverly Moon gave an update on the “lessons learned” by the participants at the summer institute; updated the status of the monitoring report due to SACSCOC in April 2023; reviewed the progress on the QEP (starting with the		Beverly Moon

	Hearin FYE Grant).		
Action Items:			
Appendix 9a: Renaming of Social Justice & Criminology programs	Appendix 9a for the Social Justice & Criminology programs to Criminal Justice & Criminology. Motion to approve Appendix 9a for Criminal Justice & Criminology was made by James Gerald and seconded by Edwin Craft. 11-approved; 0-nay; 0-abstention. Motion carried.	Approved.	Ellen Green
Course Fee Requests	Cetin Oguz presented course fee request forms for the new courses in the MFA in Studio Art program. Ellen Green requested an amendment to include all MFA in Studio Art courses, not just the three that were submitted. Questions arose about whether the fees could be used in the manner requested, so the item was tabled until clearance could be obtained from Jamie Rutledge's office. Once clearance is received from the Finance office, a virtual vote will be conducted. Results of the virtual vote: 10-approved; 0-nay; 1-abstention. Motion carried.		Ellen Green
Discussion:			
Financial Aid Impact on Attendance Policy Changes	Megan Smith spoke on the importance of taking attendance since DSU is an attendance-taking school, just like the other IHL institutions in Mississippi, and the impact of attendance on the Attendance Policy. The Provost did ask AC members to work with faculty on ensuring that attendance is being taken.		
Announcements:			
Faculty Development Day	The Ford Center for Teaching & Learning will be hosting a Faculty Development Day event on August 11 th at 9:00 AM in Jacob Conference Center, as well as hosting a <i>Conversations with Prosper</i> event the day before at 3:30 PM in the Baioni Conference Center. 91 faculty members are registered for Faculty Development Day and faculty are encouraged to attend the <i>Conversations with Prosper</i> event the afternoon before as well.		
Adjourned:	10:29 AM		
Next Meeting:	Thursday, August 25, 2022 @ 8:30 AM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of August 11 th was deferred to August 25 th .		