

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
Minutes

Meeting date: April 22, 2024

Members in attendance: Dr. Dan Ennis, Dr. Vicki Bingham, Dr. Edwin Craft, Ms. Lisa Giger, Ms. Amber Hays, Dr. Tomeka Harbin, Mr. Mike Kinnison, Dr. Eddie Lovin, Ms. Chrisa Mansell, Ms. Holly Ray, Dr. Christy Riddle, Ms. Fawn Ussery, Ms. Ashley Tanksley, Mr. Shaun Kelly, Ms. Haley Rooks, and Mr. Larry Wakefield (recorder – Ms. Jamie Claire Smith)

Members not in attendance: Dr. Merideth Van Namen, Dr. Michelle Roberts, Mr. David Gladden, Dr. Ellen Green, Dr. Leslie Griffin, Dr. James Gerald

Guests:

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the University Leadership Council was held in Room 302A in the H. L. Nowell Union on April 22, 2024. The meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. with Dr. Lovin presiding.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion by Ms. Holly Ray and seconded by Ms. Haley Rooks, all University Leadership Council Members present and participating voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the University Leadership Council Meeting held on April 8, 2024.

BUSINESS

Action

Degree Completion Compensation..... Mr. Wakefield

Mr. Wakefield brought the revised Degree Completion Compensation- Non-Faculty policy to the University Leadership Council for review. Full-time and part-time benefit-eligible employees may be compensated for the completion and awarding of degrees through a fully accredited institution of higher learning and/ or recognized as an accredited certification program.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Wakefield to approve the Degree Completion Compensation policy and seconded by Ms. Holly Ray. The motion was approved.

Discussion

Dr. Christy Riddle recommended adding to the policy that the payment will be given to the employee in the following fiscal cycle after the degree has been awarded.

Additional information

- Dr. Ennis updated the University Leadership Council on the closure of Jobe Hall for the remainder of the year due to roof damage and leaks.
- Dr. Ennis addressed Dr. Harbin’s question regarding a SACSCOC update. He will not be giving a

complete update to campus until we receive the official letter from the SACS committee. Dr. Ennis did state that SACS approved our QEP.

- Dr. Riddle reminded everyone to sign up to help with Commencement and announced that each college will have a tent set up with faculty members in front of the Coliseum this year.
- Dr. Riddle announced that DSU will be hosting a weather preparedness town hall meeting and spotter training on campus Tuesday, April 23.
- Dr. Lovin thanked everyone for their help with the Division of Student Affairs Awards night.
- Dr. Craft reminded everyone to complete the OIT training.
- Ms. Lisa Giger reminded everyone that staff evaluations are due on May 30th.

NEXT MEETING:

- Next Meeting – Monday, May 6, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.