



PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

Miller Administration, Betty Hess Lampros Boardroom 319 and Zoom

PRESENT:

Brad Mortensen, President

Ravi Krovi, Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Mark Halverson, Interim Vice President for Information Technology

Jessica Oyler, Vice President for Student Access & Success

Norm Tarbox, Senior Vice President for Administrative Services

Stephanie Hollist, General Counsel

Sherri Cox, Executive Assistant, Office of the President

Amanda Young, Senior Assistant Registrar –Staff Advisory Council Chair

ZOOM ATTENDEES:

Jason Francis, Associate Professor/Health Sciences Librarian - Faculty Senate Chair

Steven Richardson, Director of Strategic Initiatives

Emily January, Associate Professor/English, Carnegie Mellon Presidential Leadership Fellow

Excused:

Betsy Mennell, Vice President for University Advancement

Laís Martinez, Interim Vice President for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Call to Order:

Brad Mortensen, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Meeting Minutes Approval (February 14, 2024):

Meeting minutes from February 14, 2024, were reviewed. Ravi Krovi, Provost, requested to amend the language in a couple of sections and will send his revisions to Sherri.

Approval: Meeting minutes from February 14, 2024, were approved pending revisions to the minutes from Provost Krovi.

Tuition and Fees 2024-25:

President Mortensen discussed tuition and fees for 2024-25. The proposed tuition and fee increases being sent to the Board of Trustees and the Utah Board of Higher Education, include a 2.75% tuition increase recommendation to fund our legislative compensation and internal service funds match. There are three differential tuition requests, a flat credit hour rate that matches the tech colleges to teach math, English, and an American institution course on Ogden Weber Technical and Davis Technical campuses, and the graduate differential surcharge in place for the Master of Science in Data Science and Master of Science in System Engineering program in EAST. A proposed increase of 1.75% for general student fees will also be proposed for consideration.

Approval: The proposed tuition and fees adjustments for 2024-25 of a 2.75% increase for tuition, differential tuitions for tech college general education and two master's degrees in EAST, and 1.75% increase for student fees were approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

Early Retirement Requests:

Norm Tarbox, Senior Vice President, discussed three early retirement requests for Jo Ellen Jonsson, Louise Moulding, and Carla Koons Trentelman.

Approval: The early retirement requests for Jo Ellen Jonsson, Louise Moulding, and Carla Koons Trentelman were approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

New Minors:

Provost Krovi discussed the following three new minors:

1. Exercise and Sports Science

Exercise and Sports Science is 16 credit hours and requires no new courses or resources. The goal is to create a minor that would be attractive to non-ESS majors.

2. Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety

Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety was originally designed with the intent for WSU to offer the undergraduate program and co-manage the program with the Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, which would facilitate the graduate program. The plan is to use an existing minor in safety at the U of U combined with two other minors from WSU for the course. This is a virtual program.

3. Outdoor Leadership

Outdoor Leadership is housed in the Moyes College of Education. Market demands are very good and this program can be incorporated into the BIS program.

Approval: The new minors, Exercise and Sports Science, Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety, and Outdoor Leadership, were approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

New Emphases:

Provost Krovi discussed the following new emphases:

1. Doctor of Nursing Practice, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

This program is being withdrawn for further discussion.

2. Exercise & Sport Science, Strength & Conditioning (S&C) Emphasis and Clinical Exercise Physiology (CEP)

This program is adding two more emphases, strength and conditioning and clinical exercise physiology, which would complement the two existing emphases in existence well. This is a viable program with a good review.

Approval: Exercise & Sport Science, Strength & Conditioning (S&C) Emphasis and Clinical Exercise Physiology (CEP) was approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

New Applied Associates of Science: Automotive Engineering Technology:

Provost Krovi discussed the new Applied Associates of Science: Automotive Engineering Technology. This program will use some existing courses. The general trend for automotive technology is great and investing in this area meets market demands.

Approval: The New Applied Associates of Science: Automotive Engineering Technology was approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

New Certificate of Proficiency: Behavioral Health Technician:

Provost Krovi discussed the new Certificate of Proficiency: Behavioral Health Technician. This is a joint certificate between the College of Social & Behavioral Science and the Dumke College of Health Professions. The program stacks nicely in other programs related to both colleges.

Approval: The New Certificate of Proficiency: Behavioral Health Technician was approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

New Graduate Certificate: Post-Baccalaureate of Certificate in Spanish Translation and Interpretation:

Provost Krovi discussed the New Graduate Certificate: Post-Baccalaureate of Certificate in Spanish Translation and Interpretation. This is a good program but funding is still being developed. Because of this, the certificate is being withdrawn from the agenda.

Program Change: Masters of Science in Respiratory Therapy:

Provost Krovi discussed the Masters of Science in Respiratory Therapy which is struggling with enrollment. The Provost wants to discuss this program further with Dean Simonian and has withdrawn this item from the agenda.

Department Chair Recommendations:

Provost Krovi discussed the department chair recommendations. There are six new chair recommendations. Questions concerning some of the college chairs took place, and the Provost will verify their positions before the Board of Trustees meeting.

Approval: The department chair recommendations were approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

Emeritus Faculty Recommendations:

Provost Krovi discussed the Emeritus Faculty recommendations. After some questions, Human Resources will be contacted for verification.

Approval: The Emeritus Faculty Recommendations were approved to move to the Board of Trustees pending additional changes if needed.

PPM 6-2, Admissions:

Provost Krovi discussed PPM 6-2, Admissions. Changes include modifying early college admissions guidelines in line with what other institutions are doing, refining guidelines as needed, and using standardized testing and concurrent GPAs.

Approval: PPM 6-2, Admissions, was approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

Other:

1. Academic Calendars: 2024-25, 2025-26, 2027-28, 2028-29, 2029-30:

Jessica Oyler, Vice President for Student Access & Success, discussed changes to the academic calendars, including adding the correct Juneteenth dates and two days for spring commencement. 2026-27 is still being reviewed and will be brought for approval at a future date.

Approval: The academic calendars: 2024-25, 2025-26, 2027-28, 2028-29, and 2029-30 were approved.

Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda (draft) 2024-03-19:

President Mortensen discussed the Board of Trustees meeting agenda (draft) 2024-03-19. The tuition and fees discussion will have 30 minutes allotted. Adjustments were made to shorten the length of time for the Academic Policy and Business committees. The faculty presentation will follow the college liaison report, ending with the special topic.

Upcoming Events:

Upcoming events were reviewed. Today is Dining for Dollars at Sonora Grill.

Adjourn:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.