



PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

MA 319 and Zoom

PRESENT:

Dr. Brad Mortensen, President

Ms. Adrienne Andrews, Vice President of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Dr. Bret Ellis, Vice President for Information Technology

Dr. Jeff Hurst, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Betsy Mennell, Vice President for University Advancement

Dr. Norm Tarbox, Vice President for Administrative Affairs

Ms. Aubrey Jenkins Lord, Staff Advisory Council Chair – Administrative Assoc./Provost's Office

Ms. Stephanie Hollist, General Counsel

Ms. Sherri Cox, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary

Ms. Kelli Booth, NUAMES Executive Director, Principal – Davis Campus

Mr. Clayton Anderson, Director, Budget & Institutional Research

Mr. Chaz Steimel, Assistant Director of Budget and Institutional Research

Ms. Ashley Potokar, WSUSA Student Body President

Ms. Xitlalli Villanueva, WSUSA Vice President of Diversity and Unity

ZOOM ATTENDEES:

Dr. Ravi Krovi, Provost

Mr. Jason Francis, Faculty Senate Chair – Associate Professor/Health Sciences Librarian

Mr. Steven Richardson, Director of Strategic Initiatives

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by President Mortensen, who welcomed all in attendance.

Meeting Minutes Approval (Sept. 7, 2022):

Meeting minutes from September 7, 2022, were reviewed without discussion.

Approval: Meeting minutes from September 7, 2022, were approved.

Revised Academic Calendar 2023-24:

Provost Ravi Krovi discussed the revised academic calendar for 2023-24. No additional changes have been made to the calendar since the last President's Council meeting. Block classes are already in place.

Approval: The revised academic calendar 2023-24 was approved.

Program Name Changes:

Provost Krovi discussed the following two program name changes:

Building Design & Construction to Architectural Design:

The change gives better name recognition that connects with students and employers and indicates a greater representation of the job duties and titles. There are more architectural components and practical technical applications rather than theoretical ones to the program. A technical degree is earned rather than an architect degree.

Approval: The program name change Building Design & Construction to Architectural Design was approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

Bachelors of Integrated Studies to BA/BS of Interdisciplinary Studies:

The name change of this program is more practical for the degree, as people do not want a degree in BIS. Interdisciplinary replaces the word integrated and is no longer called BIS. Adding a BA or BS is determined by the discipline that is chosen.

Approval: The program name change Bachelor of Integrated Studies to BA/BS of Interdisciplinary Studies was approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

Program Reviews:

Provost Krovi discussed the following two program reviews:

Anthropology:

The Anthropology program offers a BA and BS with two tracts and a minor. There are four faculty associated with the program. Enrollment is declining and changes need to be determined to move the program forward. A 7-year review cycle was recommended.

Philosophy:

The Philosophy program offers 26 majors and has four faculty members. Concerns exist due to the national declining enrollment trends for philosophy programs. Focus on growing the minor was discussed. A 7-year review cycle was recommended.

Concerns were discussed about the recommended 7-year review cycle for these programs.

Decision: The program reviews for Anthropology and Philosophy will undergo further discussion and wait to move to a later Board of Trustees meeting.

NUAMES Report:

Kelli Booth gave a history and overview of NUAMES, which is in its 19th year. Graduation requirements and statistics were shared including enrollment at both Ogden and Davis campuses, male/female demographics, minority demographics, and awards won. Students from 11 different school districts from Logan to Salt Lake are served. Appreciation was expressed for the work that went into the new Noorda EAST building as well as the significant changes and benefits to the students.

WSUSA Introductions:

WSUSA President Ashley Potokar and WSUSA Vice President Xitlalli Villanueva were introduced to the members of the President's Council. They talked about student concerns with transparency on campus. Top issues include student resources, HSI initiatives, the health center, CME, and EDI. Discussion took place about a proposed student app similar to SUU's that has resources and information in one place, as well as important communication. WSUSA leaders feel this would benefit the student body as email is not received well. Concerns were raised about the importance of the health center and transparency in communication with students. Student involvement is important in all of the issues that were discussed.

Year One Performance Metrics:

Norm Tarbox, Clayton Anderson, and Chaz Steimel reported on Year One Performance Metrics. One-year goals of what we are trying to achieve are required by USHE. Accessibility, timely completion and high yield awards presented in the spreadsheet will be used to determine performance funding in the future. We are working on one year goals to ultimately reach five year USHE goals.

Approval: The Year One Performance Metrics will be moved to the Business Committee and Board of Trustees for endorsement.

USHE Updates:

President Mortensen discussed business conducted at the Council of President's meeting on Monday, Oct. 3 which included (a) The Utah Academic Library Consortium of deans put forward a \$1.6 million budget proposal to benefit all of the schools for electronic journal databases, (b) the regional college access partners to align K-16 including technical college pathways, (c) the common admissions application that USHE is working on is being chaired by Scott Teichert, (d) the equity and access taskforce group is being chaired by Jessica Oyler, (e) the Community College Study scope of work was shared, (f) USHE marketing billboards are up and funding for it will come from the schools, (g) the Title IX shared services report will include discussions with AA/EO and Legal Counsel from institutions, (h) cyber security and IT was discussed, (i) program duplication is being done at 25 institutions across the state and further discussion will take place to correct it, (j) President Williams apologized to all about misrepresentation in the newspaper of Utah Tech as the only tech university and exclusive Silicon Slopes partner of the state.

Board of Trustees Agenda Draft:

President Mortensen reviewed the Board of Trustees agenda draft for the October 18, 2022, meeting. The location will be in the Stewart Library, Hetzel Hoellein room 321. The anthropology and philosophy reports will be removed from the agenda for further discussion. The diversity calendar needs some updates. The Conflict of Interest Committee met and their meeting minutes will need to be shared as information. The language in the agendas will be changed to reflect the conflict of interest instructions should any arise. Early retirement approvals will be added at a later time.

Other:

- a. Notification was received that the NWCC national award is going to the WSU Wildcats program. \$2500 will be given to support the program.
- b. The most recent estimated occupancy is the end of October for space ready to move into the Engineering Technology building.

Upcoming Events:

Upcoming events were reviewed without discussion.

Adjourn:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.