



PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

MA 319 and Zoom

PRESENT:

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

Dr. Bret Ellis, Vice President for Information Technology

Dr. Jeff Hurst, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Ravi Krovi, Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs

Dr. Betsy Mennell, Vice President for University Advancement

Dr. Norm Tarbox, Vice President for Administrative Services

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

Ms. Stephanie Hollist, General Counsel

Ms. Sherri Cox, Executive Assistant

ZOOM ATTENDEES:

Dr. Brad Mortensen, President

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

Mr. Steven Richardson, Director of Strategic Initiatives

Dr. Youn Soo Goldstein, Assistant Professor of Localization and Translation, Foreign Language, Carnegie Mellon Presidential Leadership Fellow

Dr. Alexander Lancaster, Associate Professor, Communication, Carnegie Mellon Presidential Leadership Fellow (via Zoom)

Call to Order:

President Mortensen called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Meeting Minutes Approval (Jan. 11, 2023):

Meeting minutes from January 11, 2023, were reviewed.

Approval: Meeting minutes from January 11, 2023, were approved.

Information Security Training Program 2023:

Vice President Bret Ellis discussed the university's information security training program. Faculty and staff are being asked to complete the training within the first 90 days of it being introduced. An email has been sent out along with a posting in Announcements.

Early Retirement Requests:

Vice President Norm Tarbox discussed early retirement requests.

Approval: The early retirement requests were approved to move to the March Board of Trustees meeting.

USHE Late Fees and Other Penalties and Accountability Mechanisms for Students:

President Mortensen discussed the agenda item from the USHE Student Affairs Committee on late fees and other penalties and accountability mechanisms for students. A discussion took place about the purpose of late fees and financial consequences for the university if the money owed is not collected. President Mortensen is preparing background information on this topic.

Course Fee Proposals Summary:

Provost Ravi Krovi discussed the course fee proposals summary which included the following:

- a. **Nursing:** The goal is to keep the revenue under 3%. A plan to meet expense needs and add funding to the program to offset costs is being developed.
- b. **Military Science:** The program has low enrollment. A request to add a \$75 fee was turned down.
- c. **Arts and Humanities:** Requests for new fees in the sound and recording program and the art gallery were turned down.

Approval: The course fee proposals summary will be presented by the Academic Policy committee and is approved to move to the Board of Trustees provided that details are completed by the March 21 meeting.

Emeritus Faculty Recommendations:

Provost Krovi discussed emeritus faculty recommendations. Four faculty members were presented for review.

Approval: The emeritus faculty recommendations were approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

Program Changes:

Provost Krovi discussed the following program changes that will be moved from the provost's office back to the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences (SBS):

- a. Queer Studies to SBS Interdisciplinary Studies
- b. Women and Gender Studies to SBS Interdisciplinary Studies

Approval: The program changes were approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

New Emphases:

Provost Krovi discussed the following new emphases from the Moyes College of Education. The dean has modeled these programs from other institutions for the master's programs. The addition of the three new emphases has good market demand and makes us more agile from a curriculum development aspect. Tuition would come from the master's program differential. Existing resources will be used depending on the emphasis.

- a. **M.Ed. Education Technology** – This emphasis will teach new technology, developing apps and data science for tech-savvy students.
- b. **M. Ed. Inclusive Early Childhood Education and Care Emphasis** – This emphasis will focus on early childhood teachers, children and families from a diversity of backgrounds, and connects well with eHSI.
- c. **M.Ed. Sports Coaching Leadership Emphasis** – This emphasis teaches development of leadership in coaches of all ranks, including awareness, ethics, etc.

Approval: The three new emphases were approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

Name Change: DNP Leadership Emphasis to DNP Executive Leadership Program Emphasis:

Provost Krovi discussed the name change from Doctor of Nurse Practice (DNP): Leadership Emphasis to Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Executive Leadership Program Emphasis. DNP has two tracts that reflect the type of work students are prepared for. DNP has 87 majors and is a large program with enough demand that students are being turned away.

Approval: Name Change: Doctor of Nurse Practice (DNP): Leadership Emphasis to Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Executive Leadership Program Emphasis was approved to move to the Board of Trustees for approval pending correction of the name to DNP Executive Leadership Emphasis.

New Minors:

Provost Krovi discussed three new minors.

- a. **Middle School Mathematics Teaching Minor** – The Middle School Mathematics Teaching Minor is designed for teacher certification for math instruction and is an endorsement for education majors.
- b. **Certificate of Proficiency in Ethics** - The Certificate of Proficiency in Ethic Studies Program incorporates philosophy, political science, criminal justice, and cyber ethics in the course.
- c. **Product Design and Development Minor**- The Product Design and Development Minor uses courses from the product design and development major and is more computer-intensive rather than math intensive.

Approval: The three new minors were approved to move to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Program Change: Diagnostic Medical Sonography (BS):

Provost Krovi discussed the program change for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (BS). The program had three emphases in medical, cardiac and vascular areas. The department wants to keep the medical and cardiac emphases and move the vascular emphasis to a cardiovascular emphasis.

Approval: The Program Change: Diagnostic Medical Sonography (BS) was approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

New Certificates of Proficiency:

Provost Krovi discussed the following three new certificates of proficiency:

- a. **Arizona Limited Practical Technologist in Radiology Certificate of Proficiency** – The Arizona Limited Practical Technologist in Radiology Certificate of Proficiency training is a specialty program being conducted to meet the shortage of technologists in Arizona. WSU will send instructors to Arizona to teach the program.
- b. **Product Design and Development Certificate of Proficiency** – The Product Design and Development Certificate of Proficiency is less intensive than the minor at only 15 credits which will help with student success.
- c. **Post-Masters Advanced Pediatric Imaging Certificate of Proficiency** – The Post-Masters Advanced Pediatric Imaging Certificate of Proficiency course teaches how to use equipment specifically for younger patients with unique issues for imaging or ultrasound.

Approval: The three new certificates of proficiency were approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

New Administrative Unit: Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning:

Provost Krovi discussed the new administrative unit: Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CELT). This expands teaching and learning opportunities.

Approval: The New Administrative Unit: Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning was approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

New Degree Program: Psychological Science (AS):

Provost Krovi discussed the new degree program Psychological Science (AS). This program adds another pathway to help students graduate with a degree.

Approval: The New Degree Program: Psychological Science (AS) was approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

Other:

The reorganization process “Aligning to Amplify” was discussed, along with the faculty and staff town hall that was held on Feb. 14. Questions that were asked in the town hall were discussed. The new vice president position will be posted and a name for the reorganized division will be determined. University Advancement VP Betsy Mennell will chair the screening committee for the position.

The March 21 Board of Trustees agenda will be lengthy with many items to be approved. Discussion took place about the location of the meeting, which will be in the Miller Administration Boardroom.

Upcoming Events:

Upcoming events were reviewed in the agenda packet without discussion.

Adjourn:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.