



PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

MA 319 and Zoom

PRESENT:

Dr. Brad Mortensen, President

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

Dr. Alexander Lancaster, Associate Professor, Communication, Carnegie Mellon Presidential Leadership Fellow

Mr. Mark Halverson, Associate Vice President for Facilities and Campus Planning

Mr. Chip Coleman, Systems Architect, Academic Support Centers - Programs

Ms. Shawna Code, Director, Business Services. Facilities Management

ZOOM ATTENDEES:

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

Dr. Bret Ellis, Vice President for Information Technology

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. Nicola Corbin, Associate Professor, Communication/TLF Coordinator/Carnegie Mellon Presidential Leadership Fellow

Call to Order:

President Mortensen called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Meeting Minutes Approval (Feb. 15, 2023):

Meeting minutes from February 15, 2023, were reviewed.

Approval: Meeting minutes from February 15, 2023, were approved.

One Card Update:

Vice President Norm Tarbox introduced Mark Halverson, who discussed the One Card Update. HEERF funding has been used to develop smart card technology to use mobile credentials for security access at the university. Smart card and mobile credentials will be launched both at the same time on April 19. Chip Coleman and Shawna Code shared information and answered questions. Physical prox cards will still be in use, but users will need to choose one method only for their access.

Early Retirement Requests:

Vice President Norm Tarbox discussed early retirement requests for Stephanie R. Fuller and Ronald Hughes Stuart.

Approval: The early retirement requests for Stephanie R. Fuller and Ronald Hughes Stuart were approved to move to the Board of Trustees meeting.

New Emphasis-Master of Arts in English: English Education

Provost Krovi discussed the New Emphasis – Master of Arts in English: English Education. This emphasis focuses on how to teach the English language and will assist teachers with English literature instruction in high schools.

Approval: The New Emphasis – Master of Arts in English: English Education was approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

Program Name Changes:

Provost Ravi Krovi discussed the following program name changes:

- a. **Apprenticeship (AAS) to Construction Apprenticeship (AAS):** The name change will help with identifying the program for students and uses courses from Ogden-Weber Technical College and general education. This is a good pathway from technical colleges to WSU.

The following three program name changes are from the College of Engineering, Applied Science and Technology and combines the programs, helping students to understand the focus of them.

- b. **Network Management Technology (Minor) to Cybersecurity and Network Management (Minor)**
- c. **Network Management Technology (AAS) to Cybersecurity and Network Management (AAS)**
- d. **Network Management Technology (BS) to Cybersecurity and Network Management (BS)**
- e. **Nurse Executive Graduate Certificate to Nurse Leadership & Management Graduate Certificate:** This name change reflects the focus of the certificate and the types of jobs for which students will be qualified, providing more clarity.

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

New Certificates of Proficiency:

Provost Krovi discussed the following new certificates of proficiency:

- a. **Cardiology Technician:** There are new courses in this program that stacks into the AS degree. Equipment is being gifted in kind from IHC.
- b. **Environmental Science Filmmaking:** This 18-credit certificate is a joint certificate between the College of Science and the College of Arts and Humanities. Courses are currently being taught making it a stackable certificate without additional expense.
- c. **Therapeutic Dance:** This certificate is 27 credits with high market demand.

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

New Minors:

Provost Krovi discussed the following new minors:

- a. **Ethnic Studies:** The Ethnic Studies minor fits in with eHSI, bringing the minor back to its place of origin in sociology. It helps students learn about and experience cultural engagement.
- b. **Film Studies:** The Film Studies minor will be a good addition to the program which houses the Film Studies Major, with 70+ students enrolled. Technical skills are taught and there is demand in the market.
- c. **Religious Studies:** The Religious Studies minor focuses on understanding different world religions, practices, beliefs, and programs. The program

involves an anthropology course and is sponsored by the history department. The minor, however, does not seem to address all religions.

Approval: The Ethnic Studies minor and Religious Studies minor will be held to address some questions before moving forward. The Film Studies minor was approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

New Program – AS in Entrepreneurship:

Provost Krovi discussed the new program, Associate of Science in Entrepreneurship from the Goddard School of Business & Economics. The program provides students with the skills to understand the creation and process of business startup. It teaches a business mindset of being intrapreneurial. Many options for the course outside of the business school are being provided for the minor.

Approval: The new program, Associate of Science in Entrepreneurship was approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

New Graduate Certificate – Occupational Health Nursing:

Provost Krovi discussed the new graduate certificate, Occupational Health Nursing. This is a 15-credit certificate that originated from the Rocky Mountain Occupational Center for Environmental Health agreement. WSU is adding the undergraduate programs needed with equally divided courses between the UofU and WSU. It is a nice collaboration of shared resources with scholarship money available to assist students. The certificate will be awarded by Weber State University.

Approval: The new graduate certificate, Occupational Health Nursing was approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

Program Reviews:

Provost Krovi discussed the following Program Reviews:

- a. Manufacturing Engineering Technology:** The Manufacturing Engineering Technology program review was initiated through an accreditation process. The BS program is viable with 11 faculty, 150+ majors, and 28 bachelors' degrees. More clarity is being provided for classes needed, and more documentation in CatTracks has been implemented. It was noted that the ABET review went very well with a 5-year review period recommendation.
- b. Mechanical Engineering Technology:** The Mechanical Engineering Technology program is not as math intensive as the Engineering Technology program. The review showed that despite having 100+ majors, enrollment has been declining over the years. The challenge is the viability of the program

and how it differs from the regular manufacturing program. Integration of a capstone experience has been discussed. Concerns will be addressed in the strategic planning report.

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

Department Chair Appointments:

Provost Krovi discussed the following 10 department chair appointment recommendations: Jessica Greenburg, Paul Crow, Eric Ewert, Sara Dant, Kerry Kennedy, Frances McConaughy, Darcy Carter, Travis Price, Tanya Nolan, and Ryan Zimmerman.

Approval: The 10 department chair appointment recommendations were approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

Emeritus Faculty:

Provost Krovi discussed the following emeritus faculty recommendations: Kirk D. Hagen, Rodney A. Hansen, Becky L. Johns, William H. Lorowitz, Thomas J. Mathews, Rick W. Orr, Angelika Pagel, Stacy E. Palen, Allyson D. Saunders, John E. Sohl, L. Mikel Vause, Barbara A. Wachocki, and Catherine A. Zublin.

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

Board of Trustees Agenda Draft (March 21, 2023):

President Mortensen discussed the Board of Trustees agenda draft for the March 21, 2023 meeting. The special topic will be presented by Steve Nabor and Dean Dave Ferro. Meeting materials are due by March 9 for the agenda packet.

Other:

Other items discussed included the following:

- a. **Legislature Business:** Nothing being discussed in the legislative sessions is set in stone until the session is over. Discussion that budget numbers look good. Performance funding was discussed. Compensation increases are still being discussed and could be anywhere between 6-10%. This is unknown at this time.
- b. **Faculty and Staff Legislative Review Town Hall:** The Faculty and Staff Legislative Review Town Hall will be held Friday, March 3, at 2:00 p.m. in Elizabeth Hall – room 229 and via Zoom.

Upcoming Events:

Upcoming events were reviewed in the agenda packet without discussion.

Adjourn:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.