



## **PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

December 13, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

Miller Administration Betty Hess Lampros Boardroom 319 and Zoom

### **PRESENT:**

Brad Mortensen, President

Mark Halverson, Interim Vice President for Information Technology

Ravi Krovi, Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Jessica Oyler, Vice President for Student Access & Success

Norm Tarbox, Senior Vice President for Administrative Services

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

Stephanie Hollist, General Counsel

Amanda Geilman, Senior Assistant Registrar –Staff Advisory Council Chair

Sherri Cox, Executive Assistant, Office of the President

### **ZOOM ATTENDEES:**

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

Steven Richardson, Director of Strategic Initiatives

### **Excused:**

Betsy Mennell, Vice President for University Advancement

### **Call to Order:**

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

### **Meeting Minutes Approval (November 1, 2023):**

Meeting minutes from November 1, 2023, were reviewed.

**Approval:** Meeting minutes from November 1, 2023 were approved.

### **Construction Management Program Review:**

Ravi Krovi, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented the Construction Management Program Review. External accreditation is still being evaluated and discussion took place about the benefits and process of it. Further review will take place. A five-year review recommendation was given.

**Approval:** The Construction Management Program Review was approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

**Professional Sales Program Review:**

Provost Krovi presented the program review for Professional Sales. The program is doing well with enrollment and retention. Discussion centered around the need for more diversity among students in the program.

**Approval:** The Professional Sales Program Review was approved to move to the Board of Trustees. Prior to moving forward, a review will be done to verify if it is a five or seven-year review recommendation.

**Department Chair Recommendation:**

Provost Krovi discussed the department chair recommendation for Becky Jo Gesteland, serving as the new Department of English Chair.

**Approval:** The Department Chair Recommendation for Becky Jo Gesteland was approved to move to the Board of Trustees at a future date with other approved recommendations during a spring Academic Policy Committee meeting.

**Utah System of Higher Education Updates:**

President Mortensen discussed the following Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) updates:

- Free speech resolution. A committee will be formed from different department areas on campus and chaired by Stephanie Hollist. Policies and practices will be reviewed to ensure they align with our resolution on free speech.
- Application fee waiver, performance funding, increasing concurrent enrollment, and general education topics were discussed at length.
- The statewide access goal has been reduced to enable a less aggressive target for next year.
- Requests for CATapult funding from the state made it to the top of the Two-tier list and were approved.
- A community college study was presented by NCHEMS and discussed with the Board.

**Upcoming Events:**

Upcoming events were reviewed in the agenda packet without discussion.

**Other:**

No other discussion or business took place.

**Adjourn:**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.