PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2024 – 9:45 a.m.
Miller Administration Betty Hess Lampros Boardroom 319 and Zoom

PRESENT:

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

Kacy Peckenpaugh, Associate Professor/Foreign Languages, Carnegie Mellon Presidential Leadership Fellow

Amy Buckway, Associate Professor/Nursing, Faculty Senate Vice Chair

Ivana Fredotovic, Chief Data Officer

ZOOM ATTENDEES:

Brad Mortensen, President

Betsy Mennell, Vice President for University Advancement

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

Steven Richardson, Director of Strategic Initiatives

Amanda Young, Senior Assistant Registrar –Staff Advisory Council Chair

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

Excused:

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

Call to Order:

Ravi Krovi, Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Data Governance Presentation:

Provost Krovi discussed the importance of data for student success and how we are incorporating consistency with our data governance framework and structure for campus. Ivana Fredotovic, Chief Data Officer, gave a presentation on data governance and the operating model. The university's mission and future plans were discussed, along with privacy frameworks, security, and advisory team structure recommendations for a board. Implementation of the data governance operating model will continue to be developed.

Meeting Minutes Approval (December 13, 2023):

Meeting minutes from January 10, 2024, were reviewed. Provost Krovi requested changes to the AS of Social & Behavioral Sciences. Stephanie Hollist, General Counsel requested changes to the equitable access program proposal.

Approval: Meeting minutes from January 10, 2024, were approved pending revisions to the minutes from Provost Krovi and General Counsel Hollist.

Future Homecoming Dates:

Betsy Mennell, Vice President for University Advancement, discussed future Homecoming dates of October 11, 2025, and October 17, 2026, after receiving input from Student Access & Success, alumni, and student leadership. October 17, 2026, falls over fall break, which may be rescheduled to another date if needed.

Approval: The request for approval of future Homecoming dates was approved for October 11, 2025. A decision for the October 17, 2026 date is tentatively approved, pending a change to the date of fall break.

Early Retirement: Chris Vilches:

Senior Vice President Tarbox discussed the early retirement request for Chris Vilches.

Approval: The early retirement request for Chris Vilches was approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

Program Name Change: Network Security Technology Certificate of Proficiency to Cybersecurity Policy and Management Certificate of Proficiency:

Provost Krovi discussed a program name change from Network Security Technology Certificate of Proficiency to Cybersecurity Policy and Management Certificate of Proficiency. The advisory board suggestion was to use names for programs that are more current and relevant in the industry, and to think more about risk assurance and governance from an IT perspective. Provost Krovi requested to postpone approval while he researched the details of this change.

Approval: Subsequent to the meeting, an email was circulated soliciting input from the President's Council on changing the name from Network Security Technology Certificate of Proficiency to Cybersecurity Policy and Management Certificate of Proficiency. The program name change was approved to move forward to the Board of Trustees. [1]

New Program: Cloud Computing Security Certificate of Proficiency:

Provost Krovi discussed a new program, Cloud Computing Security Certificate of Proficiency, which is about the technical side of cyber security. This is an 18-credit hour certificate. This is one of four certificates that will stack into the Associate of Applied Science.

> *Approval:* The new program, Cloud Computing Security Certificate of Proficiency, was approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

Program Reviews:
1. **Accounting:**
   Provost Krovi discussed the Accounting program review. This large program is experiencing a national trend of declining enrollment. There was concern about completion rates in the introductory Accounting course.
   The recommendations include finding ways for better completion rates and program outcomes. A five-year review recommendation was given that meets the accreditation cycle.
2. **Finance:**
   Provost Krovi discussed the Finance program review, clarifying that this is not a department, but a program that was moved into accounting. The review was positive with the program experiencing enrollment growth.
   A recommendation was made to evaluate the market need for specializations such as corporate finance, investments, etc. A five-year review recommendation was given to meet the accreditation cycle.
3. **Interior Design:**
   Provost Krovi discussed the Interior Design program review. This program is in the College of Engineering, Applied Sciences & Technology and had a good review with an increase in enrollment and graduates. Recommendations included developing a comprehensive strategic process and incorporating graduate feedback and a six-year review based on the accreditation cycle.

> *Approval:* The three program reviews: Accounting, Finance, and Interior Design were approved to move to the Board of Trustees for approval.

EDI Updates:

President Mortensen discussed the legislative passage of HB 261 Equal Opportunity Initiatives, which goes into effect July 1, 2024. The university will wait to roll out changes and plans following the completion of the legislative session. The Utah Board of Higher Education will be giving common guidance on how to move forward at the system level for parity among institutions. More information will be coming to help facilitate the new bill.

Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) Updates:

President Mortensen gave Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) and legislative updates. Discussion included legislation affecting tenure, post-tenure reviews, and shared governance. HB 226 School of General Education Act is still in process. If the bill passes out of the education committee, it will most likely go forward.

Upcoming Events:
Upcoming events were reviewed. The legislative town hall will be held on March 1. A lot is going on in the legislation that will affect university employees. Cuts to performance funding and different allocations were addressed.

Other:
Truth in Tuition will be held on Monday, Feb. 26 to garner student input and support for a proposed tuition increase.

Adjourn:
With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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[1]It was subsequently determined that the program name change from Network Security Technology Certificate of Proficiency to Cybersecurity Policy and Management Certificate of Proficiency is considered a nonsubstantive change and does not require a change in content. It was moved for approval to the Board of Trustees.