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TO: Provost's Council

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SUBJ: Provost's Council Agenda for Wednesday, October 14, 2009

The Provost's Council will meet on Wednesday, October 14 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the Board Room in Koch Hall. The following agenda items will be discussed.

1. Approval of the September 22 minutes (see attachment, p. 1-3)
2. Innovation Research Park I and II
Tom Osha
3. Overview of Current Dashboard Softwares in place at ODU and Data Sources,
Demonstration of Cognos Business Intelligence Tool, and
Demonstration on Xcelsius for Strategic Planning Measures, Factbook and Public Sites
(see attachment, p. 4-5)
Zhao Yang and David Kozoyed
4. Survey of Workplace Relationships to the Administered to Adjunct Faculty
Connie Merriman
5. Eminent Scholar Process when the Department Chair is Nominated (see attachment, p. 6)
6. Announcements/Reminders
 - A. ODU International Festival (see attachment, p. 7)

PROVOST'S COUNCIL
October 14, 2009
Minutes

The Provost's Council met on Tuesday, October 14, 2009 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the Board Room in Koch Hall. Those present were Carol Simpson (Chair), Nancy Bagranoff, Andrew Balas, Oktay Baysal, Andy Casiello, Paul Champagne, Chandra de Silva, Bill Graves, David Kozoyed, Phil Langlais, Bill McMahon, Connie Merriman, Ginny O'Herron, Tom Osha, Jimmy Patel, Chris Platsoucas, Woody Schwitzer, Marty Sharpe, Charles Wilson, and Zhao Yang. The following agenda items were discussed.

1. The September 22 minutes were approved with the update that submission of the six-year academic plans due to SCHEV has been deferred.
2. Innovation Research Park I and II

Tom Osha presented an update on the progress, tenants and prospects for Innovation Research Park Buildings I and II. The University initially thought that tenants would require 5,000-7,000 square feet in order to bring their companies. Instead, the tenants' space needs have been smaller, and they are organizations that want to be near the research that is being conducted at ODU. These tenants have led to follow-on prospects that are interested in locating in the Research Park. Small office space and flex lab suites are available for lease. Building II will house a conference center, and the University hopes it will become a programming hub.

Mr. Osha asked for the Deans' help in making connections and introductions, spreading the word about Innovation Research Park I and II, and creating a collaborative ecosystem.

3. Overview of Current Dashboard Softwares in place at ODU and Data Sources, Demonstration of Cognos Business Intelligence Tool, and Demonstration on Xcelsius for Strategic Planning Measures, Factbook and Public Sites

Zhao Yang from Institutional Research and Assessment and David Kozoyed and Jimmy Patel from OCCS presented a preview of ways the Deans will be able to obtain data that can be customized and manipulated. Dashboard is the integration and visualization of data for decision making. The three levels of Dashboard are Cognos, Mythics, and Xcelsius. Characteristics of Dashboard are as follows: it can handle data explosion, is easy to use, is available 24/7, has drill-down capability, and can organize content and security. Data sources will come from Banner, the operational data store, official data sets from previous years, and imported external data sets.

Dr. Yang asked for input from the Deans so that the data available will be useful to ODU in its decision making. He and Mr. Kozoyed and Mr. Patel are available to come to the colleges to present information on Dashboard and gather input. Carol Simpson asked the Deans to let Dr. Yang know of information and data they would like to be available.

4. Survey of Workplace Relationships to be Administered to Adjunct Faculty

Connie Merriman described the survey of workplace relationships that she will administer to adjunct and full-time faculty for her dissertation. The purpose of her research is to investigate differences in organizational sense of belonging (OSB) between adjunct and full-time faculty, differences in OSB between different “types” of adjuncts, and the correlation between OSB and Affective Organizational Commitment. The survey will be administered in Fall 2009 to adjunct faculty and full-time faculty in those disciplines employing more than 15 adjuncts (three-year average).

Ms. Merriman asked the Deans to help by providing information about what their colleges are currently doing to support adjunct faculty, communicating support of the research to department chairs, and encouraging participation of adjunct and full-time faculty in those disciplines selected for the survey. She distributed a copy of the survey.

5. Budget Update

Bill McMahon announced that the University hopes to have information soon on spending the stimulus funds. He informed Council members that there will be a 5% budget reduction in the colleges and academic units and distributed the original 5% budget reduction plans submitted by the Deans for FY 2010. Carol Simpson asked the Deans to review the original plans and communicate any changes needed by 12:00 noon on Thursday, October 15. She stressed that previously approved faculty positions are not frozen and asked the Deans not to freeze these searches.

6. Eminent Scholar Process when the Department Chair is Nominated

This issue was postponed until the next meeting.

7. Announcements

A. Information about the ODU 2010 Spring International Festival was included with the agenda. Individuals interested in serving on the planning committee for the event should contact Lesa Clark in the Office of Intercultural Relations.

B. Information about the Conference on Higher Education Pedagogy to be held at Virginia Tech on February 18-19, 2010 was distributed.