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TO: Provost's Council

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SUBJ: Provost's Council Agenda for Tuesday, October 26, 2010

The Provost's Council will meet on Tuesday, October 26 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 October 12 minutes (see attachment, p. 1-3)
2. New Modeling, Simulation and Visualization Engineering Department and the Relationship with VMASC
John Broderick, Roland Mielke and John Sokolowski
3. Faculty Senate Issue 2010/11-9, Revised Summer School Draft Proposal (see attachments, p. 4-11)
4. Revised Policy on Graduate Program Director (see attachment, p. 12-14)
5. Proposal to Create Transitional Positions for Faculty (see attachment, p. 15)
Chandra de Silva
6. NSSE Results (see attachment, p. 16-22) – 9:30 a.m.
Worth Pickering
7. COACHE Junior Faculty Survey (see attachment, p. 23-31)
Worth Pickering
8. Announcements
 - A. Virginia Space Grant Consortium 2011-12 Scholarship and Fellowship Opportunities (see attachment, p. 32-36)
 - B. The Faculty Senate approved the Provost's Council recommendation on the graduate student reinstatement policy with no further changes. Under the revised policy, the Graduate Appeals Committee will look only at those cases in which a student formally appeals after the relevant GPD has rejected reinstatement. The recommendation will be forwarded to President Broderick for approval.
 - C. Reminder: The SACS team will be conducting spot checks on the faculty files in deans' offices as required by the University policy on faculty records.
 - D. iPhone/iPad update

PROVOST'S COUNCIL
October 26, 2010
Minutes

The Provost's Council met on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the Board Room in Koch Hall. Those present were Carol Simpson (Chair), Ali Ardalan, Oktay Baysal, Andy Casiello, Paul Champagne, Chandra de Silva, Linda Irwin-DeVitis, Brenda Lewis, Bill McMahon, David Metzger, Roland Mielke, Chris Platsoucas, Marty Sharpe, Deanne Shuman, John Sokolowski, Mary Swartz, and Charles Wilson. The following agenda items were discussed.

1. The October 12 minutes were approved.
2. Modeling, Simulation and Visualization Engineering Education and Research

Carol Simpson stated that modeling and simulation is one of the main signature programs of the University. While it is focused in the College of Engineering and Technology, modeling and simulation is integrated throughout many of the University's programs and activities, and all colleges are involved through certificates and tracks related to modeling and simulation. Dr. Simpson asked the Deans to look for individuals with strengths in technology and cross-disciplinary areas as they hire new faculty.

Roland Mielke presented information about the newly formed Department of Modeling, Simulation and Visualization Engineering. The department offers the following modeling and simulation programs: an undergraduate minor, a baccalaureate program, graduate service courses, a graduate certificate, master's degrees and doctoral degrees. One of the department's goals is to create an educational pathway in modeling and simulation for workforce development in Hampton Roads and the Commonwealth of Virginia. The relationship between the department and VMASC is critical to the success of the University's modeling and simulation programs and activities.

John Sokolowski distributed the VMASC 2010 annual report. He noted the three core mission areas of VMASC: research and development focused on modeling and simulation, support to the modeling and simulation academic programs by bringing research into the classroom, and involvement in economic development through partnerships with industry and government. He also noted that VMASC is working to increase its presence in non-DOD areas such as medical, transportation, and local and state government.

Ali Ardalan suggested strengthening communication between VMASC and the rest of the University. Carol Simpson recommended that Dr. Mielke and Dr. Sokolowski be invited to present information on modeling and simulation at the chairs' meetings in each College.

3. Faculty Senate Issue 2010/11-9, Revised Summer School Draft Proposal

Council members discussed and approved the recommendation from the Faculty Senate to revise summer school in an effort to increase summer school enrollment and student satisfaction with summer school. As part of the revision, the number of summer sessions will be reduced from seven to five. Oktay Baysal suggested that the summer schedule be reviewed again in the future to determine if the number of sessions could be reduced further. Charles Wilson recommended that the specific summer session dates be revised to distinguish between class meeting dates and exam dates. The Council's recommendation will be forwarded to President Broderick. If approved, the revisions will go into effect for summer 2011.

4. Revised Policy on Graduate Program Director

Council members reviewed the revised policy on Graduate Program Director that included all revisions accepted to date. Linda Irwin-DeVitis stated that implementation of the revised policy will have financial implications for her College that will need to be addressed in the budget. Several editorial revisions were suggested. Judy Bowman will make the additional revisions and forward the complete, revised policy to President Broderick for approval.

5. Proposal to Create Transitional Positions for Faculty

Chandra de Silva discussed the proposal to create transitional positions for faculty. These positions would carry a reduced load at half pay plus benefits and should encourage faculty members to move into these positions prior to retirement. Carol Simpson noted that work will need to be done in conjunction with Human Resources to be able to provide benefits in these positions. Other issues that will need to be considered include the following.

- What if one or both faculty members change their mind about retirement?
- What if two faculty want to share a position but do not want to retire?

Council members suggested that the proposal be revised to include a time limit for service in a transitional position. They felt that entry into a transitional position should be approved for one year, renewable annually up to a limit of three years. Judy Bowman and Chandra de Silva will revise the proposal to include a time limit.

Paul Champagne reported that this issue is under consideration in the Faculty Senate. The proposal from the Provost's Council will be forwarded to the Faculty Senate for consideration.

6. NSSE Results

This issue will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. COACHE Junior Faculty Survey

Worth Pickering presented information from The Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE) on the tenure-track faculty job satisfaction survey conducted with faculty from Old Dominion and other universities in 2009-10. The report from COACHE gives an overview of what tenure-track faculty members from ODU think about working at ODU. It also shows the University's strengths and weaknesses, in relation to five peer institutions chosen for comparison, as well as in relation to all COACHE colleges or universities. For the most part, ODU ranked in the lower part of the 50th percentile in the 10 benchmarked areas.

Council members discussed the item on the clarity of tenure expectations. Carol Simpson asked the Deans to think about ways to make tenure expectations clearer in each of the Colleges. Council members agreed with Dr. Pickering's suggestion that a small group of recently tenured faculty be brought together to conduct an in-depth review of the COACHE results. The group will be convened by Dr. Pickering.

8. Announcements

- A. Information on the Virginia Space Grant Consortium 2011-12 Scholarship and Fellowship Opportunities was included with the agenda.
- B. Carol Simpson announced that the Faculty Senate approved the Provost's Council recommendation on the graduate student reinstatement policy with no further changes. Under the revised policy, the Graduate Appeals Committee will look only at those cases in which a student formally appeals after the relevant GPD has rejected reinstatement. The recommendation will be forwarded to President Broderick for approval.
- C. The Deans were reminded that the SACS team will be conducting spot checks on the faculty files in Deans' offices as required by the University policy on faculty records.
- D. Andy Casiello informed Council members that students will be given the ability to access archives of distance learning classes from their iPhone or iPad in spring 2011.
- E. Worth Pickering distributed information on the Enrollment Management Forum on the profile of the entering freshman and transfer classes that will be held on Friday, October 29.