

November 9, 2012

TO: Provost's Council

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SUBJ: Provost's Council Agenda for Tuesday, November 13, 2012

The Provost's Council will meet on Tuesday, November 13 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 23 minutes (see attachment, p. 1-3)
2. Faculty Senate Issue 2011/12-17, Proposal for Faculty of Practice (see attachment, p. 4-9)
3. Faculty Senate Issue 2010/11-26, Policy on Self Supporting Research Positions (see attachment, p. 10-15)
4. Regional Centers Program Review 2012 (see attachment, p. 16-18)
5. Distance Learning Differential Pricing for Courses
Chandra de Silva
6. Proposed Revisions to the Policy on Accelerated Courses (see attachment, p. 19-20)
7. Announcements
 - A. The reception for graduating master's and doctoral students will be held on December 12 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Gordon Galleries. Deans and faculty are encouraged to attend.
 - B. Please hold Wednesday, January 9, 2013 from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for the Provost's Mini-Retreat to be held in the Learning Commons Conference Rooms.

PROVOST'S COUNCIL
November 13, 2012
Minutes

The Provost's Council met on Tuesday, November 13 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the Board Room in Koch Hall. Those present were Carol Simpson (Chair), Ali Ardalani, Paul Champagne, Chandra de Silva, Jim Duffy, Linda Irwin-DeVitis, Brenda Lewis, David Metzger, Shelley Mishoe, Ginny O'Herron, Renee Olander, Chris Platsoucas, Linda Vahala, and Charles Wilson. The following agenda items were discussed.

1. The October 23 minutes were approved.
2. Faculty Senate Issue 2011/12-17, Proposal for Faculty of Practice

Members of the Provost's Council discussed the recommendation from the Faculty Senate to establish the category of Faculty of Practice. The proposal originated in the Provost's Council and was forwarded to the Senate for review. Council members accepted the Senate's revision to change the term of appointment from one to five years to one to three years. However, they suggested a revision to rephrase the language regarding possible renewal of appointment so that it is stated more positively. Also, upon additional review, Council members recommended removal of the language regarding prior notice of termination or non-renewal and removal of "regular" as relates to faculty; they felt the language was not needed in the description of Faculty of Practice.

The recommendation to create a category of Faculty of Practice with the additional revisions from the Provost's Council will be forwarded to President Broderick for approval. If approved, the recommendation will be considered by the Board of Visitors in December.

3. Faculty Senate Issue 2010/11-26, Policy on Self Supporting Research Positions

Council members discussed the recommendation from the Faculty Senate for proposed revisions to the Policy on Self Supporting Research Positions (SSRPs). The proposal originated with Vice President Mohammad Karim and the Provost's Council and was forwarded to the Senate for review. The proposed revisions make provisions for SSRPs in units outside of Academic Affairs.

Council members accepted the additional revisions from the Faculty Senate. One of the revisions was editorial while the other was a more substantive revision to the suggested procedure for management of indirect cost funds (IDC) generated by SSRPs. The Senate recommended that IDC distributed on the same terms as the IDCs of regular faculty so as to not create a special rule that does little to benefit research efforts.

The proposed revisions to the Policy on Self-Supporting Research Positions will be forwarded to President Broderick for approval.

4. Regional Centers Program Review 2012

Renee Olander discussed the regional centers program review for 2012. The goal of the review is to systematically review, in collaboration with the Colleges and Departments that provide them, the 28 undergraduate and 17 graduate degree programs currently offered at the University's three Regional Centers to determine:

- a. Which departments/programs envisage the Centers (or an individual Center) as potential sites of growth for their current degree programs
 - o How might the localities of individual Centers particularly serve/strengthen/grow strategically selected programs with heavy commuter or adult populations?
 - o How might Center proximity to individual TCC & TNCC campuses with select program emphases contribute to growing select 2+2 programs?
 - o What, if any, space crunches do any programs have on the main campus that a Center might usefully accommodate?
- b. Which programs are planning migrations to web-based that may remove live programming from the centers and free space for other use
 - o Which programs plan to continue on-site programming that complements migrations to web-based, and which plan to discontinue on-site programming?
 - o What are the student services that are necessary to support web-based programming?
- c. What other ways the Centers may help to promote, recruit for, or otherwise support current or planned degree and/or certificate programs

Ms. Olander also discussed the proposed template for the program review. Some of the data on the template will be populated by the Higher Education Centers. Council members suggested adding a place for new programs to the template.

Ms. Olander and Barry Miller will initiate conversations with Deans and department chairs and submit an interim report to Provost Simpson in 30 days. It was recommended that associate deans be included in the meetings with department chairs when possible. The report will inform ongoing discussions about maximizing the resources, particularly at the Peninsula and Tri-Cities Centers. Carol Simpson noted that the information collected will feed into the master planning activity for the campus.

5. Distance Learning Differential Pricing for Courses

Chandra de Silva informed Council members that he and Andy Casiello are on a committee that is looking at pricing for distance learning courses now that the delivery method is moving from televised to on-line classes. Carol Simpson asked Council members to forward ideas and suggestions to Dr. de Silva or Mr. Casiello.

6. Proposed Revisions to the Policy on Accelerated Courses

Council members discussed and approved the proposed revisions to the Policy on Accelerated Courses. The revisions were proposed by the ad hoc Faculty Handbook Review Committee from the Faculty Senate with several additional revisions from Judy Bowman. The revisions were not substantive but consisted of editorial revisions to update and clarify the policy. The Council's recommendation will be forwarded to President Broderick for approval.

7. Announcements

- A. Brenda Lewis announced that the reception for graduating master's and doctoral students will be held on December 12 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Gordon Galleries. Deans and faculty are encouraged to attend.
- B. Carol Simpson asked Council members to hold Wednesday, January 9, 2013 from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for the Provost's Mini-Retreat to be held in the Learning Commons Conference Rooms. Topics include campus master planning and the strategic plan.
- C. Carol Simpson announced that there will be three Commencement ceremonies again in May 2013. The Arts and Letters ceremony will be held on Friday night.
- D. Jim Duffy noted that one of the University's budget initiatives identified the need for summer school infrastructure. He announced that Jeanie Kline has been added to the Provost's staff as the Summer School Administrator.
- E. Regarding the Governor's request for state agencies to submit budget reduction plans, Jim Duffy announced that higher education has been asked to submit a 5% reallocation plan and significant changes in budgets are not expected. Old Dominion has already completed a 2% reallocation.