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TO: Provost's Council

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SUBJ: Provost's Council Agenda for Tuesday, January 22

The Provost's Council will meet on Tuesday, January 22 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Board Room in Koch Hall. The following agenda items will be discussed.

1. Approval of the December 11 minutes (see attachment, p. 1-3)
2. Proposal for University Interdisciplinary Scholars (see attachment, p. 4-5)
Chandra de Silva
3. Summer Schedule
4. Distance Learning Update (see attachment, 6)
Andy Casiello
5. Proposed Revisions to the Policy on Certification of Faculty for Graduate Instruction (see attachment, p. 7-9)
6. Proposed Revisions to the Policy on Evaluation of Academic Deans (see attachment, p. 10-13)
7. Proposed Revisions to the Policy on Second Baccalaureate Degree (see attachment, p. 14-15)
8. Announcements
 - A. The University Distinguished Teacher designation was approved.
 - B. University Events for 2013 (see attachment, p. 16-18)
 - C. The opening of the Confucius Center will be April 19 at 5:30 p.m.

PROVOST'S COUNCIL
January 22, 2013
Minutes

The Provost's Council met on Tuesday, January 22 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Board Room in Koch Hall. Those present were Carol Simpson (Chair), Osman Akan, Ali Ardalan, Andy Casiello, Chandra de Silva, David Metzger, Shelley Mishoe, Renee Olander, Chris Platsoucas, and Charles Wilson. The following agenda items were discussed.

1. The December 11 minutes were approved.
2. Proposal for University Interdisciplinary Scholars

Chandra de Silva discussed the proposal for a University Interdisciplinary Studies Award. Council members discussed other ways the University might support and recognize interdisciplinary ventures both within and across colleges. While there was support for promoting and recognizing interdisciplinary studies, the question was raised as to how many different awards the University already has. Dr. de Silva will send this information to Council members.

Carol Simpson asked the deans to think about ways to honor interdisciplinary work for discussion at the next meeting. She also asked that joint appointments be reviewed from the perspective of interdisciplinary work, including indirect cost return, the structure for centers inside and outside the college, and faculty hired as administrators who might want a joint appointment in a department.

3. Summer Schedule

This issue was deferred.

4. Distance Learning Update

Andy Casiello reminded the deans about the Policy on Revenue Sharing for Online, Asynchronous Programs and how these funds can be used. Revenue share funds are base funds that are transferred to the college at the beginning of the fiscal year. They can be used in a variety of ways to support the program as well as provide discretionary funds to the dean. Colleges and departments are not accountable to Distance Learning for the use of the funds. Carol Simpson made the deans aware that the funds that go back to the colleges are the net tuition revenue and do not include student fees.

5. Proposed Revisions to the Policy on Certification of Faculty for Graduate Instruction

Council members discussed the proposed revisions to the Policy on Certification of Faculty for Graduate Instruction and suggested several additional revisions. A version of the policy showing the additional revisions will be circulated to Council members and then forwarded to the Faculty Senate for additional review.

6. Proposed Revisions to the Policy on Evaluation of Academic Deans

Carol Simpson asked the deans to review the proposed revisions to the policy on Evaluation of Academic Deans carefully for discussion at the next meeting.

7. Proposed Revisions to the Policy on Second Baccalaureate Degree

Council members discussed the proposed revisions to the policy on Second Baccalaureate Degree. The revisions were proposed by the Office of Enrollment Management and subsequently approved by the Undergraduate Student Academic Policy and Procedures Committee and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. The intent is to align the admissions procedure for second degree students with the procedure for undergraduate admission decisions, thereby reducing delays for second degree students.

Council members expressed concern about admitting a second degree student to the University and subsequently not admitting them to the degree program they intended. It was also noted that second degree students are different from transfer students. The proposed revisions were tabled.

8. Announcements

- A. Council members were informed that the University Distinguished Teacher designation was approved.
- B. The schedule of University Events for 2013 was included with the agenda.
- C. The opening of the Confucius Center will be April 19 at 5:30 p.m.
- D. David Metzger distributed information about the 5th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium on Saturday, February 9.