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TO: Provost's Council

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SUBJ: Provost's Council Agenda for Tuesday, August 12, 2014

The Provost's Council will meet on Tuesday, August 12 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 June 10, 2014 minutes (see attachment, p. 1-2)
2. Approval of the minutes from the July 11, 2014 retreat (see attachment, p. 3-6)
3. EAB update
Brian Payne
4. Graduate provisional admission policy for applicants holding a three-year bachelor's degree (see attachment, p. 7)
Brian Payne
5. Planned new degree programs for submission to SCHEV (see attachment, p. 8)
Brian Payne
6. Graduate enrollment year-to-date
Brian Payne
7. Announcements
 - A. Football game on Friday, September 26 (see attachments, p. 9-10)

PROVOST'S COUNCIL
August 12, 2104
Minutes

The Provost's Council met on Tuesday, August 12 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the Board Room in Koch Hall. Those present were Carol Simpson (Chair), Vinod Agarwal, Oktay Baysal, Andy Casiello, Chandra de Silva, Gail Dickinson, George Fowler, Shelley Mishoe, Renee Olander, Brian Payne, Chris Platsoucas, Jim Shaeffer, and Charles Wilson. The following agenda items were discussed.

1. The June 10, 2014 minutes were approved.
2. The minutes from the July 11, 2014 retreat were approved.
3. EAB update

Brian Payne distributed information on advising tools used in different phases of the advising process. He provided a demonstration on the ODU Student Success Collaborative predictive workbook, which was developed by the Educational Advisory Board. The workbook uses data from prior ODU students to measure various indicators related to course performance. It allows users to determine graduation rates by various student attributes (e.g. number of credits earned in the first semester, first semester GPA, transfer student status, etc.), compare graduation rates and course performance across two different courses, analyze the graduation rates by grades in specific courses, and identify the graduation rate based on when the student took the course and the grade received in the class. The workbook also enables users to develop a list of success markers by major and provides information on how long it takes students to graduate in a particular major when they change majors.

The predictive workbook will be piloted by three groups in the fall semester. In late fall, meetings will be held with those not in the pilot group in order to load success markers. The goal is to have the workbook available for all majors in the next year. The Deans were asked to encourage advisors to use the predictive workbook. Carol Simpson asked Chandra de Silva to schedule a meeting for department chairs to make them aware of the workbook.

4. Graduate provisional admission policy for applicants holding a three-year Bachelor's degree

Brian Payne discussed a proposed policy that would allow applicants holding a three-year Bachelor's degree to be considered for provisional admission to a Master's degree program at Old Dominion University provided the applicants meet the admission requirements for international

graduate students. Under current policy, applicants would be denied admission by the Admissions Office. If approved, the new policy would allow the admission decision to be made by the academic department. The Deans supported the proposed policy and noted that many international students with three-year degrees are very strong academically and the type of students we want to attract to our graduate programs. The proposed policy will be sent to the Faculty Senate for information and to President Broderick for approval.

5. Planned new degree programs for submission to SCHEV

The list of planned new degree programs for submission to SCHEV was included with the agenda. Drafts have been submitted for four of the programs planned for fall 2015. Brian Payne reminded the Deans that proposals should be submitted to SCHEV nine months before the program begins.

6. Graduate enrollment year-to-date

Brian Payne distributed overall information on graduate enrollment and individual data for each Dean showing enrollment projections made by Graduate Program Directors. He stated that graduate enrollment is down about 5% and asked the Deans to work with Graduate Program Directors to be sure admission decisions have been made and students have been contacted.

7. Announcements

- A. Brian Payne distributed the brochure for graduate health insurance enrollment.
- B. Information about the football game to be held at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 26 was included with the agenda. Judy Bowman stated that updated information on the game and parking plans will be sent to faculty, staff and students. Specific information has been sent to all faculty teaching classes Friday afternoon and evening.