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TO: Provost's Council

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SUBJ: Provost's Council Agenda for Tuesday, September 13, 2016

The Provost's Council will meet on Tuesday, September 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 August 23 minutes (see attachment, p. 1-3)
2. Proposed Revisions to the Guidelines for the Establishment, Operation and Evaluation of Research Institutes and Centers (follow up from the last meeting) – (see attachment, p. 4-6)
Morris Foster
3. Proposed Bachelor of Science Degree Program in Exercise Science (see attachment, p. 7-30) – 9:00 a.m.
Jeanie Kline and Lynn Ridinger
4. Proposed Master of Science Degree Program in Exercise Science (see attachment, p. 31-55)
Jeanie Kline and Lynn Ridinger
5. Academic Affairs Strategic Plan (continue discussion from last meeting)
6. Quarterly Update to the University Community from Academic Affairs
7. Announcements

PROVOST'S COUNCIL
Minutes
September 13, 2016

The Provost's Council met on Tuesday, September 13 from 8:30-9:45 a.m. in the Board Room in Koch Hall. Those present were Austin Agho (Chair), Jane Bray, Shirshak Dhali, Deri Draper, Morris Foster, George Fowler, Dana Heller, Heather Huling, Kiran, Karande, Jeanie Kline, Dale Miller, Shelley Mishoe, Renee Olander, Brian Payne, Chris Platsoucas, Lynn Ridinger, Jim Shaeffer, Charles Wilson, Robert Wojtowicz, and Wie Yusuf. The following agenda items were discussed.

1. The August 23 minutes were approved.
2. Proposed Revisions to the Guidelines for the Establishment, Operation and Evaluation of Research Institutes and Centers

Morris Foster met with the Council to discuss the revisions made to the Guidelines for the Establishment, Operation and Evaluation of Research Institutes and Centers since the last meeting. George Fowler suggested that, following adoption of the guidelines for research institutes and centers, a working group be formed to look establishing one policy for the establishment, operation and evaluation of all centers. Dana Heller recommended that we look at the inventory of all centers and then determine whether we need one policy or two.

Council members supported the Guidelines for the Establishment, Operation and Evaluation of Research Institutes and Centers as presented. Once several outstanding issues have been resolved, the Guidelines will be forwarded to the Senate for informational purposes.

3. Proposed Bachelor of Science Degree Program in Exercise Science

Jeanie Kline and Lynn Ridinger presented a proposal for a Bachelor of Science degree program in exercise science. A baccalaureate-level exercise science concentration has been offered within the physical education degree program at Old Dominion University since the early 1970s. However, the current classification under physical education is incongruous with historic and national trends. The existing concentration is not focused on pedagogy and does not prepare individuals to teach in school settings.

The proposed program would enable the University to offer a stand-alone Bachelor of Science degree in exercise science, which is the appropriate credential for those interested in the field. It also meets student interest in pursuing a degree in exercise science, rather than a degree in physical education. Council members approved the proposal for a Bachelor of Science in exercise science. The proposal will be forwarded to the Faculty Senate for review with the goal of presenting the degree program to the Board of Visitors in December.

4. Proposed Master of Science Degree Program in Exercise Science

Jeanie Kline and Lynn Ridinger presented a proposal for a Master of Science degree program in exercise science. Exercise science has been offered as a concentration within the M.S. in Education – Physical Education since the early 1980s. This proposed program would enable the University to offer a stand-alone Master of Science degree in exercise science.

While physical education focuses on pedagogy, exercise science focuses on understanding the physiological and biomechanical processes that explain human movement and its effect on health and human performance. It is also aimed at the preparation of professionals in fitness-related fields (such as corporate health promotion, cardiac rehabilitation, strength and conditioning) and of scholars seeking to go on to doctoral programs in exercise science, kinesiology, rehabilitation, physical therapy, and related programs.

Council members approved the proposal for a Master of Science in exercise science. The proposal will be forwarded to the Faculty Senate for review with the goal of presenting the degree program to the Board of Visitors in December.

5. Academic Affairs Strategic Plan

Austin Agho informed Council members that he and a small group will meet with the Deans to review the comments and suggestions from the last meeting regarding the Academic Affairs Strategic Plan. The group will formulate a plan to address both the long term and the short term. Dr. Agho stressed the need for a short-term plan in order to address requests for additional resources. Once the small group has met with the Deans, the issue will be discussed again at a Provost's Council meeting.

6. Quarterly Update to the University Community from Academic Affairs

Austin Agho asked for input on how Academic Affairs can improve communication to the University community. He suggested a brief summary or newsletter about activities in Academic Affairs and the colleges to be sent on a quarterly basis. Council members made the following comments.

- Communication on a semester basis rather than a quarterly basis might be preferable.
- The communication could also be sent to the emeriti faculty.
- Should the communication be sent externally?
- Should there be an opt in or opt out choice?
- Could the communication from Academic Affairs be part of an existing, established vehicle such as InsideODU? For example, there could be an Academic Affairs edition once a semester. Also, there should be statistics about the readership of InsideODU.

Dr. Agho supported communication on a semester basis. He will meet with Phil Walzer about starting some type of communication from Academic Affairs and the possibility of including the communication as part of InsideODU. He will also look at the pros and cons of an internal communication vs. an external communication. This topic will be discussed again at a future meeting.

7. Announcements

- A. Austin Agho complimented the Deans on their State of the College addresses.
- B. Brian Payne asked the Deans to encourage enrollment of any cohort groups or other students who have not yet registered.