

PROVOST'S COUNCIL
September 25, 2018
Minutes

The Provost's Council met on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the Board Room in Koch Hall. Those present were Austin Agho (Chair), Jane Bray, Andy Casiello, Paul Currant, Gail Dodge, George Fowler, Dennis Gregory, Kate Hawkins, Renee Olander, Brian Payne, Elaine Pearson, Kent Sandstrom, Karen Sanzo, Jim Shaeffer, Ben Stuart, Jeff Tanner, Bonnie Van Lunen, and Robert Wojtowicz. Attending as guests were Jeanie Kline and Don Stansberry. The following agenda items were discussed.

1. The August 28 minutes were approved.
2. Proposed Master of Science in Data Science and Analytics

Jeanie Kline presented the proposed Master of Science degree in Data Science and Analytics. The program will be housed in the Graduate School and is planned for implementation in fall 2019. Initially, concentrations in computational data analytics and business intelligence and analytics will be offered. It is anticipated that additional concentrations will be added after the program is initiated.

Council members unanimously approved the proposed master's degree in Data Science and Analytics. The proposal will be forwarded to the Faculty Senate for review.

3. Policy on Posting or Display of Information

Don Stansberry discussed the posting or display of information as contained in the policy on Use of Facilities and Grounds. The policy states that "affixing items to doors, entrances, windows, building exteriors or interiors, benches, poles or placing flyers on vehicles is prohibited and these items will be removed."

Dr. Stansberry noted that a working group met to discuss the policy and whether changes are needed. The group determined that the policy should be enforced, not changed. However, they felt an exception should be made to allow faculty members to post information on their office doors. Kate Hawkins asked whether faculty are allowed to post signs in their office windows. Dr. Stansberry responded that this issue needs to be reviewed.

Dr. Stansberry stated that most buildings do not have general use bulletin boards. However, if there are general use bulletin boards, a process is needed to manage the content on these boards. Austin Agho added that review of the policy on posting signs or displaying information will be ongoing. He expressed support for having a unified policy across the colleges and asked Dennis Gregory, Provost's Fellow for Free Speech, to help

with review and improvement of the policy. Questions about specific postings should be referred to University Counsel.

4. Graduate Tuition Policy and Tuition Support in Externally-Funded Grants

Robert Wojtowicz presented the ODURF policy on Tuition Support in Externally-Funded Grants, which requires principal investigators wishing to support graduate assistants on externally-funded grants of more than \$50,000 to budget the equivalent of in-state tuition. The policy was approved unanimously.

The Graduate Tuition policy was deferred until the changes can be reviewed by the Graduate Administrators Council.

5. Graduate Student Committee Composition in the College of Sciences (re: faculty spouses)

Council members discussed the policy in place in the College of Sciences regarding the composition of graduate student committees. The policy generally prohibits spouses and domestic partners from serving on graduate student committees together in any role (i.e., member or chair). Several Council members expressed support to have something in place related to the composition of student committees for all colleges. Robert Wojtowicz will take the College of Sciences' policy to GAC for review; he will also find out whether other institutions in Virginia have similar policies.

6. Baylor University's Robert Foster Cherry Award for Great Teaching

Information on Baylor University's Robert Foster Cherry Award for Great Teaching was included with the agenda along with a listing of ODU SCHEV Outstanding Award winners, University Professors, and Tonelson Award winners. Kate Hawkins encouraged nominations for the award and asked the deans to submit a one-page email nomination to her by October 1 if possible. She will work with the Outstanding Faculty Awards committee to select a nominee from ODU.

7. Information Items

A. Title change for the policy on Evaluation of Faculty to Evaluation of Tenured Faculty

Nina Brown from the Faculty Senate recommended changing the title of the policy on Evaluation of Faculty to Evaluation of Tenured Faculty. Council members supported the title change.

B. Title change for the policy on Reappointment/Nonreappointment of Faculty to Reappointment/Annual Review or Nonreappointment of Faculty

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C. Revised Schedule for Lecturers Seeking Promotion and When Promotion Occurs

Kate Hawkins asked if there were questions about the revised schedule for lecturers and senior lecturers seeking promotion. She also confirmed that the promotion process for lecturers and senior lecturers takes place in the fifth year, not after the fifth year.

8. Announcements

- A. Kent Sandstrom noted that department chairs in his college feel like they are not getting enough input on policy changes. Kate Hawkins responded that she has recommended the formation of a chairs council and that such a council could provide an opportunity for input.
- B. Austin Agho reminded Council members about the October 16 open house for the expansion of the School of Nursing and establishment of the Telehealth Training and Research Center at the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center.
- C. Austin Agho encouraged nominations for the faculty diversity program to be published by Diversity Issues in Higher Education.
- D. Austin Agho asked the deans to send short- and long-term plans for production of undergraduate and graduate STEM-H degrees to him.