

PROVOST'S COUNCIL

September 24, 2019

Minutes

The Provost's Council met on Tuesday, September 24 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the SGA Chambers in Webb Center. Those present were Austin Agho (Chair), Richardean Benjamin, Jane Bray, Nina Brown, Andy Casiello, Paul Currant, Gail Dodge, Renee Felts, Annette Finley-Croswhite, George Fowler, Giovanna Genard, Kate Hawkins, Kiran Karande, David Metzger, Renee Olander, Tisha Paredes, Brian Payne, Elaine Pearson, Kent Sandstrom, Karen Sanzo, Narketta Sparkman-Key, Ben Stuart, and Robert Wojtowicz. Attending as guests were Raul Briceno, Christopher Fleming, Rafael Landaeta, Patricia Parker, and Sandy Waters. The following agenda items were discussed.

1. The August 27, 2019 minutes were approved.
2. High Achieving Latino in Engineering and Science Program – HALES

Giovanna Genard, Raul Briceno, Christopher Fleming, and Rafael Landaeta described the High Achieving Latino in Engineering and Science Program (HALES). ODU was a major sponsor of the Physics Olympiad held in Puerto Rico in October 2018. During the Olympiad, ODU hosted college fairs and a luncheon, gave presentations, met with students and faculty, and visited top high schools in Puerto Rico. Top students in Puerto Rico competed for nine spots to visit ODU for one week.

As college enrollments are projected to decline, identifying new markets to recruit students is critical. The goal of the HALES program is to showcase the strength of ODU academics in order to attract the best and brightest Latinxs students to attend ODU.

Objectives of the program involve the following areas.

- Outreach
- Recruitment
- Retention
- Career development
- Establishment of partnerships to support the program

3. Transfer Virginia – Making Transfer Work for Everyone

Patricia Parker, Project Director for SCHEV and the VCCS presented information on the Transfer Virginia Initiative. She complimented ODU for our work with transfer students and our transfer-friendly policies. The goals of Transfer Virginia are as follows.

- Gateway barriers: Increase the share of students successfully completing gateway math and English in the first year of community college enrollment.

- Mobility and timeliness: Increase the percentage of community college students who transfer and improve time to transfer.
- Degree attainment: increase the baccalaureate degree completion rate for students.
- Credit efficiency: Reduce the average number of degree credits earned by transfer students to be comparable to the number earned toward the same degree by native students.

The Transfer Virginia Initiative aims to streamline transfer processes in the following areas.

- Course development: Develop common VCCS course learning outcomes that lead to consistent transferability and applicability to four-year degrees.
- Major plans: Develop two-year major plans and look at how in common the first two years of a discipline can be.
- Four-year mapping: Map all four years of a program achieved through transfer with ties to a catalog year. Students will be able to compare across institutions.
- Transfer portal: Three teams will work on technology/data harvesting, the student experience, and training and implementation.

4. Announcements

- A. Austin Agho asked the Deans to encourage their faculty to attend the Constitution Day event.