

DEANS COUNCIL
November 9, 2021
Minutes

The Deans Council met on Tuesday, November 9, from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the Board Room in Koch Hall. Those present were Austin Agho (Chair), Tammi Dice, Gail Dodge, Stuart Frazer, Kate Hawkins, Khan Iftekharuddin, Brian Payne, Jeff Tanner, and Bonnie Van Lunen. The following agenda items were discussed.

1. AY21-6-C Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program Proposal

Members of the Deans Council discussed and approved the recommendation from the Faculty Senate for initiation of an Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) degree program. The program would be administered by the School of Rehabilitation Sciences in the College of Health Sciences and is proposed to begin in January 2023. The proposed program will be forwarded to President Hemphill for approval. Upon his approval, the proposal will be presented to the Board of Visitors at their December meeting.

2. Board of Visitors Policies Review

Members of the Deans Council reviewed the spreadsheet listing Board of Visitors policies related to Academic Affairs. The Governance Committee of the Board is conducting a review of all Board-level policies and has asked if there are Board policies that should be transitioned to the University level for approval. The policies listed on the spreadsheet were recommended by University Counsel for removal as Board-level policies. The listing included preliminary recommendations on whether the policies should remain at the Board level or transition to University level.

Council members felt that policies with budgetary implications or those dealing with tenure, dismissal of faculty, or faculty sanctions should remain at the Board level. After discussion, Deans Council members recommended that all but four of the Academic Affairs policies be transitioned to the University level for approval. The four recommended to remain at the Board level are as follows.

- 1416 – Sudden Withdrawal and Prolonged Absence Due to Military Mobilization (The policy and Board of Visitors approval was required for all institutions by SCHEV.)
- 1417 – Evaluation of Lecturers, Senior Lecturers, and Master Lecturers and Promotion of Lecturers and Senior Lecturers (The policy and Board of Visitors approval was required for all institutions by SCHEV.)
- 1462 - Policy for the Review of Academic Programs, Departments or Colleges for the Purpose of Possible Curtailment or Discontinuance

- 1463 - Dismissal of Faculty from Employment due to Financial Exigency or Discontinuance of a Program of Study or a Department of Instruction

The recommendations will be forwarded to Donna Meeks, Executive Secretary to the Board of Visitors, for discussion at the November 22 President's Cabinet meeting.