

MINUTES

ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES

The Academic Council met at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 11th, 2019 in the president's conference room. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Kay Daigle.

The following voting members were present:

Dr. Shannon McCraw Art, Communication & Theatre
Mr. Mike Gaffney Aviation
Dr. Stan Alluisi Aviation Management
Dr. Jennifer Hicks Behavioral Sciences
Dr. Diane Dixon Biological Sciences
Dr. Tim Smith Computer, Chemistry and Physical Sciences
Dr. Stewart Mayers Educational Instruction & Leadership
Dr. Randy Prus English, Humanities, & Languages
Dr. Kay Daigle Kinesiology
Dr. Kitty Campbell Marketing & Management
Dr. Charles Matthews Mathematics
Dr. Jeremy Blackwood Music
Dr. Chris Bradshaw Safety
Dr. Glenn Melancon Social Sciences

The following ex-officio members were present:

Dr. Teresa Golden

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 1st and May 24th, 2019 meeting with amendments was made by Charles Matthews, seconded by Stan Alluisi. There was one abstention and ten votes in favor to approve. The motion carried by majority vote.

The following curricular changes were forwarded from the Teacher Education Council, Curriculum Committee, and/or Graduate Council for consideration by the Academic Council. Action taken is indicated after each item.

The motion to approve was made by Tim Smith and seconded by Glenn Melancon. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Vice President Clark addressed the council with the following topics discussed:

Salary Cards were re-evaluated using the following procedure:

- Promotions and longevity were added to the previous base salary then 3.5% was calculated and added to that sum which resulted in the new base salary. VP Clark will share the spreadsheet used by VP Westman and HR to the respective chairs for review. Going forward, VP Clark suggested using CUPA data to evaluate current faculty salaries. VP Clark will ask for the data and distribute.

- Adjunct rates were discussed with concern expressed by some that we are losing good instructors due to the low rate even though a 10% increase was implemented.

- With the installation of new bulbs, some areas have become darker. It was suggested that maintenance be contacted by individual departments to address that issue.

Website is not functioning properly.

- Links and documents are not available.
- Search feature is virtually useless.
- There are too many clicks to get to the program site. A concern that prospective students will not know how to get the information needed to get into a certain program. It was suggested that in addition to an alphabetized list, the programs could be grouped by departments.
- A special meeting of the Academic Council will be held on September 18th to further discuss and prioritize academic website needs. This list will be presented to Dr. Stafford and a meeting will be requested.

- VP Clark was asked by outgoing President Burrage to serve as Interim President. It has been presented to the board, but has not yet been approved.

- VP Clark would like to focus on an advising model at the next Shared Governance forum scheduled for September 30th and possibly using this for our Quality Initiative project required by HLC.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.