

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

June 3, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: N. Arnone, V. Beache, L. Bird, K. D'Ambrisi, K. Hammond, M. Hendrickson, L. Montgomery, D. Poole, L. Renninger, D. Ryan, D. Warner

Excused: R. Rohan, D. Schoenenberger

Minutes submitted by L. Bird

Welcome

Dr. Warner welcomed Dr. Laura Renninger to her first Academic Council meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The approval of the May 6, 2021, minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

Old Business

None.

Enrollment

Credit Summer: 6/1/21 -- HC -7.4%, FTE -7.3%

Credit Fall: 6/1/21 -- HC 12.6%, FTE 11.3%

Non-Credit: 6/1/21 (FTE = 550), 6/1/20 (FTE = 643) **FY21**

6/1/21 (FTE = 35), 6/1/20 (FTE = 2) **FY22**

The credit summer enrollment continues to be down, but the fall credit enrollment looks good. There has been a delay in the reorganization of the advising staff into retention specialists. The retention specialists will be the point of contact for students during summer when faculty are off-contract.

There were over 40 faculty that attended the advising training in the morning and then more than 40 attended in the afternoon. Dr. Warner feels that Mike Martin is a great point of contact for faculty. More optional training will follow.

FY21 CE – down about 90 FTE

FY22 CE – up, but numbers will be misleading due to the pandemic

Dean of Instruction Update

Dr. Renninger shared there will be a Middle College Summer Bridge taking place June 21-24. Sessions will be held face-to-face with appropriate social distancing. Currently there are 16 students enrolled.

She is continuing to work on various articulation agreements (e.g., Southern New Hampshire University, Salisbury University, Saint Francis University, Shepherd University).

Dean of Distance Learning Update

Dean Beache shared processes for reopening the Academic Testing Center, as well as the updated scheduling form. Discussion ensued, and will be continued in the upcoming meeting. Contact her with additional comments/suggestions.

The Distance Learning team is working on a workshop schedule to offer through the Fletcher Center next year. Suggestions for training should be given directly to either Linda or Dean Beache.

Faculty Assembly Chair Update

Dan Ryan shared concerns regarding the 40% response rates for student evaluations using Eval Kit. Dr. Warner reminded everyone that these evaluations no longer impact promotion, tenure or merit pay. PIE also shared the 21/SP student evaluation data with Dr. Warner and Dr. Renninger. A process for evaluating the results and how the data is used will need to be determined.

Faculty Deliverables Reviewed

- ISLO mapping
- General SLOA
- ARPDPs
- Spring 22 schedule: registration begins in October, try to replicate what was offered two years ago

Assessment

Both assessment groups will be meeting on Friday. More to follow.

Title III Grant

Dr. Renninger attended her first Title III Grant meeting. If the grant is approved, she will be the grant's PI.

Positions

- Director Montgomery: an offer was made for A&P faculty – other A&P position filled; Rebecca Westmeyer accepted the open MAT faculty position; PHY interviews are taking place
- Dr. Warner explained the PSY interview will take place this afternoon
- Dr. D'Ambrisi shared the MLT still on hold and one candidate has applied for the DH faculty position
- Dr. Poole explained there are two candidates for the Foreign Languages position and interviews will be taking place
- Nursing and Health Sciences lab coordinator position filled by Dawn Drooger, starts July 1

Other/Announcements

- Next meeting will be June 17 @ 9 am via Zoom
- Road to Recovery is no longer meeting
- Dr. Poole is recruiting for a granted funded summer bridge program; Maddie expected return June 14

Future Meetings

June 17, 2021
July 1, 2021

July 15, 2021
July 29, 2021

August 12, 2021
August 26, 2021

cc: J. Klauber, H. Soeffker-Culicerto, C. Ohl-Gigliotti, C. Ranalli, B. Kirkpatrick, faculty, division office associates