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TO: Provost’s Council
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SUBJ: Provost’s Council Agenda for Tuesday, October 9

The Provost’s Council will meet on Tuesday, October 9 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the Board Room in Koch Hall. The following agenda items will be discussed.

1. Approval of the September 25 minutes (see attachment, p. 1-2)

2. Faculty Senate Issue 2005/6-21, Policy on Workload and Compensation for Televised Instruction (see attachments, p. 3-33)

3. Faculty Senate Issue 2007/8-8, Doctor of Engineering (see attachment, p. 34-63)

4. Faculty Senate Issue 2007/8-3, Doctor of Nursing Practice (see attachment, p. 64-87)

5. Faculty Senate Issue 2006/7-9A, Schedule for Faculty Seeking Tenure (see attachment, p. 88-91)

6. Faculty Senate Issue 2006/7-13, Policy for Use of Fixed-Price Contract Residuals (see attachment, p. 92-94)

7. Faculty Senate Issue 2005/6-22M, Guidelines for Export-Controlled Research (see attachment, p. 95-99)

8. Policies Relative to Taking Classes Multiple Times (see attachment, p. 100)
   Nancy Bagranoff

9. Graduate College

10. Other Business
The Provost’s Council met on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the Board Room in Koch Hall. Those present were Tom Isenhour (Chair), Nancy Bagranoff, Oktay Baysal, Nancy Cooley, Chandra de Silva, Bill Drewry, Bill Graves, Phil Langlais, Brenda Stevenson Marshall, Ginny O’Herron, Joe Rule, and Charles Wilson. The following agenda items were discussed.

1. The September 25 minutes were approved.

2. Faculty Senate Issue 2005/6-21, Policy on Workload and Compensation for Televised Instruction

   Provost’s Council members resumed the discussion of this issue begun at the last meeting. Nancy Cooley presented information on the workload issues related to the following areas: policy, quality, motivation, funding, and costing model. She also presented a what-if scenario showing current vs. new workload policy allocations for discussion purposes.

   The deans expressed several concerns. While the proposed allocations provide revenues to the colleges, they also transfer liability to the colleges. In order to be able to plan effectively, deans need to know how much of the revenue would be base budget vs. one-time funds. Dr. Cooley responded that the allocations take into account three revenue streams: base budget funds, one-time funds from TELETECHNET-USA, and funds generated by enrollment growth. There was also concern that the proposed policy provides no support for faculty when enrollment in the class is less than 40.

   Dr. Cooley will talk to several of the deans prior to the next meeting. Discussion will continue at that time.

3. Faculty Senate Issue 2007/8-8, Doctor of Engineering

   Council members discussed and endorsed the proposal for a new Doctor of Engineering degree program. The degree is designed to meet the educational needs of practicing engineers who seek terminal degrees to prepare themselves for high-level engineering and leadership positions. The College of Engineering and Technology is fine-tuning the proposal based on feedback from SCHEV, and a site visit will take place soon. The Council’s recommendation will be forwarded to President Runte.
4. Faculty Senate Issue 2007/8-3, Doctor of Nursing Practice

Council members discussed and endorsed the proposal for a new Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program. The degree program is a result of the mandate from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing that all advanced practice nursing programs move from master’s-level preparation to the Doctor of Nursing Practice by 2015. The proposal has been reviewed favorably by SCHEV, and a site visit will take place soon. The deans recommended that Dr. Langlais review the grade point average required for admission to the program. The Council’s recommendation will be forwarded to President Runte.

5. Faculty Senate Issue 2006/7-9A, Schedule for Faculty Seeking Tenure

Council members discussed the recommendation from the Faculty Senate to revise the schedule for faculty seeking tenure. The revisions provide specific dates for identifying external evaluators and requesting external evaluations and extend the time for the college committee’s review to take into account spring break. The deans expressed concern that the recommended date for requesting external evaluations is too early in the fall semester and recommended a later date. Tom Isenhour and Bill Drewry will meet to discuss and finalize the revised dates.

6. Faculty Senate Issue 2006/7-13, Policy for Use of Fixed-Price Contract Residuals

Mohammad Karim will be invited to the next meeting for discussion of this issue.

7. Faculty Senate Issue 2005/6-22M, Guidelines for Export-Controlled Research

Council members discussed and endorsed the recommendation from the Faculty Senate to establish the Guidelines for Export-Controlled Research. The guidelines were developed by Mohammad Karim and are intended to promote understanding of and compliance with the regulations by all persons involved in research.

8. Policies Relative to Taking Classes Multiple Times

Nancy Bagranoff informed Council members that she and her faculty are concerned about students taking courses multiple times without succeeding. She hopes to work toward a continuance policy for the college. A specific proposal will be brought to a future meeting.
9. Graduate College

Phil Langlais informed Council members that he is working to formalize a Graduate College that would be a unit similar to University College. He plans to form a committee to develop a proposal recommending responsibilities and functions for such a unit. A representative from each dean’s office would serve on the committee.

10. Other Business

A. Ginny O’Herron reminded the deans to forward all new degree proposals to her so she can coordinate the section on library resources.
B. Charles Wilson asked the deans to follow up with faculty who have not submitted mid-term grades. He will send deans the list of faculty.
C. Bill Graves announced that Sharon Judge has been appointed associate dean in the College of Education.