The Provost’s Council will meet on Tuesday, June 10 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the Board Room in Koch Hall. The following agenda items will be discussed.

1. Approval of the May 13, 2014 minutes (see attachment, p. 1-3)

2. Proposed ODU Gaming Hub

    Avi Santo and Kevin Moberly

3. Proposal to Convert the Doctoral Mentoring Award to the Faculty Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching and Mentoring (see attachment, p. 4-5)

    Chandra de Silva

4. Announcements

    A. Brian Payne will serve as the SACS-COC liaison.
The Provost’s Council met on Tuesday, June 10 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the Board Room in Koch Hall. Those present were Carol Simpson (Chair), Oktay Baysal, Chandra de Silva, Jim Duffy, Heather Huling, Kiran Karande, Shelley Mishoe, Kevin Moberly, Ginny O’Herron, Chris Platsoucas, Avi Santo, Bob Spina, Charles Wilson, Robert Wojtowicz, and Gil Yochum. The following agenda items were discussed.

1. The May 13, 2014 minutes were approved.

2. Proposed ODU Gaming Hub

Avi Santo and Kevin Moberly discussed gaming and social change and the proposed Hub at ODU. There is at least one faculty member in each college involved in teaching or research involving gaming. The Hub will be an interdisciplinary research and education unit focused on developing games that solve institutional and societal problems. It will leverage student and faculty interest in gaming to produce real-world solutions. The Hub melds ODU’s strategic embrace of community engagement globally and locally along with economic development and entrepreneurialism. An undergraduate and graduate certificate in game studies will be put forward for approval and possibly a minor in game studies.

Immediate resources needed for the Hub are allowances for team taught classes among faculty from multiple colleges in spring 2015, stipends for a start-up team to develop course clusters, certificates, and an initial game design template, and released time for a director/project manager for the Hub. Longer term resource needs are software for existing labs, an operating budget, and funding for graduate assistants.

Provost’s Council members were asked to contact Dr. Santo or Dr. Moberly with feedback or questions.

3. Proposal to Convert the Doctoral Mentoring Award to the Faculty Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching and Mentoring

Chandra de Silva presented a proposal to change the Doctoral Mentoring Award to the Faculty Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching and Mentoring. The award is designed to recognize faculty members who are outstanding teachers at the graduate level, similar to the University Professor designation at the undergraduate level. The proposed change was supported by the Graduate Administrators Council and the Faculty Senate.
Council members supported initiating an award to recognize graduate teaching. However, they felt that the Doctoral Mentoring Award should continue to be given. Thus, two awards would be given each year, one recognizing faculty at the master’s level and one for faculty at the doctoral level. Council members recommended removing mentoring from the new award and calling the award Excellence in Graduate Teaching.

The proposal will be forwarded to President Broderick for approval. The Faculty Senate will be informed of the change to present two awards each year, one for graduate teaching and the other for doctoral mentoring.

4. Announcements

   A. Carol Simpson informed Council members that Brian Payne will serve as the SACS-COC liaison.