

## **Academic Deans' Council**

**April 27, 2021**

### **Provost's Conference Room – Zoom Meeting**

#### **Minutes**

**Present:** S. Clouse, C. Jones, J. Klingemann, L. Mayrand, R. McCabe, M. Salisbury, P. Swets, A. Tiger, D. Topliff, J. Wegner.

#### **Minutes:**

1. Topic: Minutes from April 20, 2021.  
Minutes approved.

#### **Announcements**

- Nominations are still being accepted for the Gary and Pat Rodgers Distinguished Faculty, Staff and Administrator Awards! Award recipients will receive a \$2,500 stipend and will be announced at the fall assembly. Nominations will be accepted through Monday, May 10. Faculty nominations should include a CV.
- The Provost and J. Wegner will view three presentations on software programs this afternoon.
- Tonight is the Free Market Institute presentation at 5:30 pm.

#### **Old Business:**

2. Topic: Registration Numbers (D. Topliff)
  - D. Topliff shared the point-in-time comparison reports sent out by J. Wegner. Overall semester credit hour (SCH) generation is down about 6%. These reports may be run by College and/or major.
  - NSO registration is up about 200 students.
  - Carr scholarships implemented some changes. Students must fill out FAFSA and must be enrolled by a particular date. These changes do not affect anyone already granted a Carr scholarship. No Carr scholarships will be granted for 2021 summer terms.
3. Topic: Graduation (D. Topliff)
  - D. Topliff said Mickey Long from the Board of Regents will not be able to attend any graduation ceremony. Since there will be no Board of Regents representative, the ceremonies will be shortened by those few minutes allocated to M. Long.
  - D. Topliff reminded members two faculty marshals from each College are needed and he needs their names sent to him by email as soon as possible.
4. Topic: Return to "Normal" (D. Topliff)
  - D. Topliff stated the University is opening as face-to-face and at 100% classroom capacity in the fall. The daily wellness screening will continue and contact tracing is still active. Masks will be encouraged but not required.
  - D. Topliff said the recording of every lecture is not required. However, equipment is available for faculty if they choose to record and post a lecture. He said a student must have an ADA accommodation request approved through the disability office to not attend a face-to-face class.
  - D. Topliff reported that just under 500 people took advantage of the on-campus vaccination clinic earlier this month. Another on-campus clinic is this Thursday and Friday.

6. Topic: Budget (D. Topliff)

- D. Topliff informed members he has a meeting with D. Pruitt to take a look at academics' budget. He said one of the items he will be looking at is how much is spent on adjuncts. He said academics is over budget by \$500,000.

7. Topic: Current Situation (D. Topliff)

- There are three active student cases and no faculty or staff cases. There was no spike attributed to the Rodeo.

**New Business:**

8. Topic: Ally (D. Topliff)

- D. Topliff informed members we are using this software to help us obey the law. Everything must be accessible to the best of our ability. There is no expectation that all courses will be 100% accessible. Instructional designers and eLearning will help faculty. Ally is turned on beginning the first summer term and some faculty have already gone out to fix courses.
- D. Topliff said no one will be evaluated based on accessibility scores. He said he will send an email out to faculty on this issue this afternoon.

**Roundtable**

Andrew Tiger

- Said he is looking at Concourse to use for the MBA program. S. Clouse shared a Concourse syllabus through chat. The Provost said he will look into pricing for a University license.

Micheal Salisbury

- Expressed thanks for supporting the research symposium events and asked his thanks be extended to all department chairs.

John Wegner

- Said \$4.6 million in stimulus funds were sent directly to students.
- Said he has talked to Chairs about NSO locations and plans are solidifying.
- The role of retention liaisons is being defined.

Rozie McCabe

- Informed members the faculty awards event is May 6. The social hour begins at 4:00 pm and the awards ceremony will begin at 5:00 pm. She invited all deans to attend.
- Preferred name on roll call sheets are vetted by Student Affairs. The Provost is seeking clarification on the issue from legal counsel.

**Adjournment**