

Academic Deans' Council
September 27, 2022 – HHS 200 Conference Room
Minutes

Present: D. Bixler, S. Clouse, C. Jones, J. Klingemann, L. Mayrand, M. Salisbury, P. Swets, T. Tasker, A. Tiger, D. Topliff.

Minutes:

1. Topic: Minutes from September 13, 2022.
Minutes approved.

Announcements

- A briefing from the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning foreign influence in higher education was held for certain administrators yesterday. It was a very interesting presentation as well as informative.
- The President testifies before the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) this week.
- A special announcement honoring Dorsey B. Hardeman will be made Thursday, September 29 at 4:00 pm.
- A special announcement will be made Monday, November 7, by the Ryan family involving the Department of English and Modern Languages.

Old Business:

2. Topic: Winter Intersession (D. Topliff)
 - The decision to hold a winter intersession has been finalized and may proceed. Courses will be 3-weeks. Small classes will not be approved.
 - Faculty salaries will be paid the same rate as summer courses. The Provost informed members to be prepared to discuss and decide on salaries for this term at a future meeting.
3. Topic: Cost Centers (D. Topliff)
 - The President has tasked the vice presidents with making the deans and department chairs more responsible with the handling of the budget. A. Wright will give a presentation at the Dean's and Department Chairs/Heads meeting on Thursday. No final decisions regarding the cost center process has been made.
4. Topic: Budget (D. Topliff)
 - D. Topliff distributed a spreadsheet with the 2023 Fall tuition and fee revenue figures as of September 26. There was some discussion.
 - It is unlikely we will be able to raise tuition for 2023 Spring. A request to raise tuition will be submitted to the Board of Regents in May.

New Business

5. Topic: Triple Majors (P. Swets)
 - The College of Science and Engineering will propose triple majors to the College Curriculum Committee. It is expected fewer than five students will seek a triple major degree in any given year. There was a brief discussion. Some majors will be disallowed as part of a triple major. This will be noted in the Catalogs.

Roundtable

A. Tiger

- Handed out a chart indicating the number of students changing majors 2017 Fall to 2022 Fall.

T. Tasker

- The Faculty Senate is taking steps to improve communication to faculty and departments. Information is posted in Blackboard.

D. Bixler

- The Student Research Symposium will be held November 18. The deadline to submit applications is October 17.

M. Salisbury

- Over 200 students attended the major/minor fair to talk with an advisor. Another push to undeclared students will begin soon.
- The 2nd Year Retention Committee is holding advisor training before advising begins.

C. Jones

- The Acadeum initiative continues. M. Word will attend the Dean's and Department Chairs/Heads meeting. She will be visiting departments to discuss increasing online offerings. The ability to sell seats in online classes increase if the course is on an 8-week schedule instead of a 16-week schedule.

Adjournment