

## **PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

February 4, 2022 - 8:00 a.m.

Zoom

### **PRESENT:**

Dr. Brad Mortensen, President

Dr. Ravi Krovi, Provost

Dr. Bret Ellis, Vice President for Information Technology

Dr. Betsy Mennell, Vice President for University Advancement

Dr. Norm Tarbox, Vice President for Administrative Affairs

Dr. Brett Perozzi, Vice President for Student Affairs

Ms. Adrienne Andrews, Vice President for Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

Ms. Sherri Cox, Secretary to the Board, V8.Nru1m2.39 0 Td( )Tj5.86- o-βTdb Á PretddCS-2B)9K#7Q 9aCaeV0

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was held digitally via Zoom and was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Vice President Norm Tarbox, who welcomed all in attendance.

**Agenda Items****Faculty Senate Business****a. Ad Hoc Assessment Committee – Biennial Assessment Report Review**

Provost Ravi Krovi reported on the Ad Hoc Assessment Committee. A discussion took place in Faculty Senate. The goal is to train faculty to provide more meaningful input and make the process less tedious for them. Approximately 35-40 biannual assessment reports take place every two years. The training would cost \$4,000 which would cover 20 faculty members. During the last year, efforts have been made to connect three strategy islands, (a) The strategic program review, (b) the annual planning and budgeting cycle with SPR reports, and (c) biannual assessment reports. Provost Krovi recommended this to move forward.

**b. Faculty Senate Ombuds Charter**

Provost Krovi discussed defining the role of Ombudspersons between faculty and administration and the idea is to help resolve issues before they escalate. This document sets the stipulations of the Ombuds and what they can and can't do. It is more of an advisory role. Confidentiality was stressed as well as unbiased

state auditor John Dougall yesterday. The audit found several things institutions are doing wrong. WSU can implement the following to comply with our policies: (a) Surplus carry-forth balances in course fee accounts, (b) the College of Science needs to change a couple of their fees that cover administrative expenses to a different funding source. Accounting for course fees was pretty good. WSU doesn't disclose at registration adequately enough which courses have fees and what they are. Every system across the state that they audited had this universal violation. We need to identify these concerns and fix them moving forward. The meeting topic was focused on general student fees. We have worked to adjust the fees to accommodate for expenditure moves. Mr. Dougall is not satisfied with what institutions are doing in general as he claims that state law says "there has to be a specific economic benefit to the individual if a fee is charged." Access to student health, ball games, mental services, etc. is not considered an economic benefit. Dr. Tarbox indicated that we will wait for the Utah Board of Higher Education to make adjustments to the general student fees as this is where the directive should come from.

**Meeting Minutes Approval (January 12, 2022):**



# Data Analytics Essentials Certificate of Proficiency

Provost Krovi discussed the Data Analytics Essentials Certificate of Proficiency from the Goddard School of Business and Economics. It is a 16 credit hour certificate. The differences between the certificate of proficiency and certificate of completion are the (a) Length of time (proficiency is 16-29 hours and completion is 30-33,) and (b) The certificate of completion requires some coverage of general education courses and is

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assimilation, which are valuable skills specific to employment at Hill AFB. No other university in Utah offers this program. It meets all labor demand expectations and is a STEM program. A new faculty member will be hired, along with another in the third year of the program when they will be needed.

Discussion took place concerning funding for isolated programs moving forward. Deans are aware of rules if an FTE occurs in a beneficial graduate program. We need to think more strategically about areas we want to incorporate and what we can afford to invest in.

**Approval:** The Master of Science in Systems Engineering was approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

**Program Name Change: Art (BFA), Photo/Video Emphasis**

Provost Krovi discussed the Program Name Change in the Bachelor of Fine Arts with a request to change the name to Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photo/Video Emphasis.