Minutes PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL January 6, 2021 7:30 am via Zoom

PRESENT (via Zoom Meeting):

- Dr. Brad Mortensen, President
- Dr. Bret Ellis, Vice President for Information Technology
- Dr. Ravi Krovi, Provost
- Dr. Betsy Mennell, Vice President for University Advancement
- Dr. Brett Perozzi, Vice President for Student Affairs
- Dr. Norm Tarbox, Vice President for Administrative Services
- Ms. Adrienne Andrews, Assistant Vice President for Diversity
- Ms. Sherri Cox, Executive Assistant to the President
- Dr. Timothy Herzog, Faculty Senate Chair
- Mr. Luke Jenkins, Staff Advisory Council Chair
- Mr. Steven Richardson, Director of Strategic Initiatives
- Ms. Stephanie Hollist, Deputy General Counsel
- Dr. Jessica Oyler, Assistant Vice President for Human Resources
- Mr. Dane LeBlanc, Director of Public Safety
- Mr. Clayton Anderson, Director, Budget and Institutional Research
- Mr. Chaz Steimel, Institutional Analyst II
- Mr. John Kowalewski, Executive Director, Marketing and Communications
- Dr. Bruce Bowen, Associate Provost for Enrollment Services

1. The meeting convened at 7:30 a.m. President Brad Mortensen welcomed attendees.

Meeting Minutes (December 2, 2020)

2. President's Council Members approved minutes from the December 2, 2020, meeting.

Stewart Library Tenure Document

3. Provost Ravi Krovi discussed Stewart Library Tenure Document changes. The library is responding to changes requested by Faculty Senate Committee on Appointment, Promotion, Academic Freedom and Tenure (APAFT) and in response to feedback by faculty.

Approval

The Stewart Library Tenure Document was approved to move to the Board of Trustees pending a change of date on the document.

Tenure-Promotion Guidelines for COVID-19, Fall 2020-Summer 2021 4. Tenure-Promotion Guidelines for COVID-19, Fall 2020-Summer 2021 were discussed by Provost Krovi concerning adjustments made due to impact on faculty from the pandemic. Recommendations by APAFT were followed. Reviews need to include all evaluations, and attitudes relating to the pandemic will need to be taken into account. Probationary periods can be extended by one year. Deans and chairs are getting information out.

Approval

The Tenure-Promotion Guidelines for COVID-19, Fall 2020-Summer 2021 were approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

BS in Energy Engineering

5. Provost Krovi discussed a curriculum proposal, BS in Energy Engineering. There is a greater demand for graduates in this field with skills in alternative energy.

Approval

The BS in Energy Engineering curriculum proposal was approved to move to the Board of Trustees meeting.

Campus & COVID-19 ates

 Enrollment Growth in Strategic Plan

Graduate Certificate Programs

Approval

Noorda Interdisciplinary Center for Engineering, different colleges, and to encourage more women and minority student involvement.

Approval

The Noorda Interdisciplinary Center for Engineering, Science and Society was approved and will move to the Board of Trustees meeting.

Social & Behavioral Sciences Interdisciplinary Area 10. Provost Krovi discussed the Social & Behavioral Sciences Interdisciplinary Area. The purpose is to house interdisciplinary programs in the college and have a way to allocate and distribute credit hours.

Decision

The Social & Behavioral Sciences Interdisciplinary Area was not approved to move forward to the Board of Trustees. Further review and discussion needs to take place.

2021-2022 Sabbatical Requests

11. Provost Krovi discussed the 2021-2022 Sabbatical Requests. 33 requests were submitted of which seven are conditional, based on individuals getting tenure. Most are semester-long sabbaticals, with four year-long requests. Requests were all recommended by deans and seem very legitimate. Provost Krovi intends to work with Deans to see this program managed better in the future.

Approval

The 2021-2022 Sabbatical Requests were approved to move to the Board of Trustees.

USHE Immunizations
Document

12. Provost Krovi and Stephanie Hollist discussed a draft USHE policy that is circulating related to immunization requirements. This is an ongoing process and will incur more discussion in the future as information related to the work of WSU's presidential task force on vaccinations and pending legislation before the 2021 session is received. Representatives at WSU will continue to monitor this policy and communication going out.

Program Reviews

- 13. Provost Krovi gave a report on the following three Program Reviews:
 - a. Athletic Therapy recommended 5 year review.
 - b. Master of Arts in English recommended 7 year review with an annual report to track data better.
 - c. Theatre recommended 7 year review.

Approval

The three Program Reviews were approved to move forward to