

University Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
 Friday, November 20, 2020
 1:30 p.m. via Teams

Attendance:

Name	Attended	Name	Attended	Name	Attended
Kameron Brooks	✓	Lyric Mitchell	✓	John Short	✓
Albert Delia	✓	Amy Nightengale	✓	Cynthia Smith	✓
Noah DeMichele	✓	Bradford Nixon	✓	Jessica Thayer	✓
Johnston Hegeman	✓	Benjamin Norris	✓	Artie Travis	✓
Erica Kennedy	✓	Ronald Nowaczyk	✓	Donnell VanSkiver	✓
Michael Mathias	✓	Chelsea Schrader	✓	Leon Wyden	✓
Liz Medcalf	✓	Gregg Sekscienski	✓		

1. Call to Order at 1:45 p.m.
2. Approval of Oct 30 minutes
3. Updates from Governance Leadership
 - a. Faculty Senate
 1. Scheduled to meet on the first Wednesday of December. Have invited Bill Krauss to discuss admissions for the upcoming year.
 2. Several curriculum changes are in the works.
 - b. SGA
 1. Met many of the goals set forth for this semester.
 2. More work to do in January in the new semester after a much-needed break.
 - c. Staff Senate
 1. Met with Faculty Concerns Committee about creating a joint statement regarding Employee Code of Conduct.
4. Updates from Vice Presidents
 - a. Dr. Mathias
 1. Met with USM Council on Diversity and inclusion along with Dr. Travis. Received some strong praise from some of the Regents at the meeting surrounding some of FSU's current initiatives.
 2. Some AA and AF staff met with a group to look at an online platform to expand academic extension options.
 3. Met with Ricky Arnold and the Appalachian Lab staff to discuss opportunities to collaborate and program opportunities that may be developed in the future.
 4. Discussed IPR.
 5. Will have a similar listening session in December for the graduate assistants.
 6. Will be convening a committee in December to review an honorary degree.
 7. After the new year, a search will be launched for a Director of Academic Advising.
 - b. Dr. Travis
 1. Kudos to student organizations.
 2. Encouraging the campus to take the campus climate survey.
 3. The Residence Life Office has a plan for housing during the break.
 4. Foundation and Student Affairs have worked to create a Bobcat Bereavement and Benevolence fund to assist grieving students. The Donesha Chew Scholarship Fund has also been established.

5. A notice was sent out from the Office of Student Affairs clarifying that the university does not limit freedom of expression.
- c. Leon Wyden
 1. Have reengaged with partners at AFSCME. Currently, the university is looking to respond to their counter offer earlier next week.
 2. Basketball and Acrobatics and Tumbling return has been delayed until December 28th due to the rise in COVID-19 cases.
 3. The plan for the spring is to play all of the spring sports on a limited schedule. There is also an ambitious plan to play all sports in the spring. All athletes will also retain one year of eligibility.
 4. Expecting a \$3.1B shortfall for FY22. However, this may be a \$1.3B shortfall instead. Comptroller's office is expected to put out their forecast in December and will be more confident in those numbers.
 5. 2% COLA was discussed. DBM and AFSCME are in discussions to determine whether or not this will still occur.
 - d. Al Delia
 1. Board of Regents Committee on Economic Development to meet on December 2nd. FSU has been selected to present to the committee along with Aon Technologies.
 2. Moving forward with the Research Foundation. Working on bylaws and hope to be able to file before the end of the year.
 3. Things are going well with Innovation Park. About 6 companies will be moving in in the next few months. DTI will have a ribbon cutting ceremony on the 24th. They will be setting up a remote work center.
 4. Will be providing updates to Staff Senate on December 2nd.
 - e. John Short
 1. Up over \$900,000 right now.
 2. Focusing on campaign strategy at this time.
 3. Working with Ologie on rebranding. Individual interviews are being conducted right now.
 4. Keenan Scott, FSU Alumni, has a play that will be opening on Broadway next year.
 - f. Brad Nixon
 1. The Reopening and Recovery Team will reconvene the week after Thanksgiving to begin planning for Spring semester.
 - g. Dr. Nowaczyk
 1. Focusing on Admissions in December as well as Capital Projects.
 2. Chancellor Perman is coming to Campus in February.
 3. Banner competition through November 30th. Send top 6 to Donnell. (It will show up as "file type not supported"; hit "download" then open it up. It has about 25 files which you need to open individually.)
5. Other Updates
 - . Planning for Spring Semester - Dr. Nowaczyk and Brad Nixon
 1. Classes will start on January 25th. The week of January 4th is when decisions will be made regarding online blended classes.
 2. Testing: we anticipate doing testing before we return to campus in January. It is likely that it will be the rapid antigen test.
 3. Vaccines: 1st group will be first responders and health care workers, 2nd group will be high risk groups, and the 3rd group will be colleges and universities. We do not know

when to expect to see a vaccine on campus. The AG's office stated that it is not likely that a vaccine will be required to return to campus.

- a. Naming of Two Buildings on Campus - John Short
 1. Board of Regents approved the naming for the new residence hall and the multicultural center. There will be a public ceremony and dedication as soon as public health concerns allow.
 - b. Provost Search Process - Dr. Norris and Dr. Travis
 1. A pool is forming for the Provost Search. Committee will be meeting on December 4th to review candidates and create a list of candidates for interview in January.
 - c. Director of Admissions Search Process - Dr. Walker
 1. Bill Krauss has been the interim Director since July. The search is down to 6 semi-finalists. Interviews are in progress. Optimistic to have a named permanent Director of Admissions before the Christmas break. Hopeful to have that person in place on campus sometime in January.
 2. Admission numbers look very good for next year. This has been attributed to better marketing, data-mining, and communication. Also packaged financial aid much earlier than last year.
 3. Working on document imaging.
 - d. Virtual Commencement on December 11 – Brittni Kaetzel
 1. Virtual celebration (not a live event) that will premiere on December 11th on the FSU Website. This will be on its own page that will include speeches and the graduate slideshow. Every student who has been approved to graduate will have a slide. Students have the opportunity to include a photo and a personal message for their slide. (these will be pre-screened.)
 2. The slide show has a searchable database so family and friends can go directly to their student to view their slide.
 3. Several other virtual events are planned for the week of graduation.
 4. All graduating students have their cap and gowns if they have ordered them. They were shipped to their home for fee.
 5. 546 students graduating including those from the summer.
6. Adjournment at 2:53 p.m.

Next meeting: TBA

Submitted by: Donnell H. VanSkiver, CAP, MEP, OM
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