

PROVOST'S COUNCIL

April 27, 2021

Minutes

The Provost's Council met on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, from 8:30-10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Those present were Austin Agho (Chair), Andy Casiello, Paul Currant, Tammi Dice, Gail Dodge, Annette Finley-Croswhite, Renee Felts, Stuart Frazer, Giovanna Genard, Nina Gonser, Kate Hawkins, Jonathan Leib, David Metzger, Renee Olander, Tisha Paredes, Brian Payne, John Sokolowski, Narketta Sparkman-Key, Ben Stuart, Jeff Tanner, Bonnie Van Lunen, and Robert Wojtowicz. Attending as a guest was Bryan Porter.

1. The March 23, 2021 minutes were approved with one revision.
2. Review of Graduate Student Survey Data

Robert Wojtowicz, Bryan Porter and Tisha Paredes presented an analysis of and highlights from the Class Modality Survey results. The survey was designed to identify graduate students' preferences for course delivery options given the pandemic. They found four variables to be significant in selecting online courses.

Master's students were more likely to prefer fully online courses vs. doctoral students.

Students coded as Education vs. those who are not were more likely to prefer online

- Each subcommittee prepared a preliminary report that was discussed with the Task Force. The subcommittees met again to discuss the feedback from Task Force members and provided updated reports to the full group.

Wie Yusuf will discuss the administrative subcommittee process.

- Initially, two subcommittees reviewed the administrative units.
- After the preliminary reports and feedback from the Task Force, the two

every five to six years. A suggestion was made to look at what other institutions do with regard to program reviews.

4. Virginia Beach City Public Schools "Beach Girls Rock" STEM-H Opportunity for ODU

Renee Olander discussed the opportunity for ODU to partner with Virginia Beach Public Schools in their 2021-22 "Beach Girls Rock" program. The program is grant-funded and provides STEM-H interactive/experiential learning events for girls in grades 5-8 and possibly high school students. Council members were enthusiastic about participating in the program. Ms. Olander recommended that a task force of interested parties be formed to develop the program and agreed to lead the effort. She asked Council members to send her the names of individuals to serve on the task force.

5. Fall 2021 Enrollment

Austin Agho called attention to the April 24 enrollment report that was forwarded to the Deans. He noted enrollment for the summer is up, but fall enrollment is down and significantly behind last year. He stressed the need to address enrollment for the fall.

6. Announcements

- A. Austin Agho encouraged Council members to participate in two upcoming events: a discussion of the Minnesota V. Chauvin verdict on April 27 and a program to share stories and speak up against AAPI hate on Wednesday, April 28.