

# College Council Minutes

Friday, September 18, 2020

10:00 a.m.

## Members Present:

Joseph Blaney, Neil Christensen, Tony Crubaugh, Elizabeth Chupp, Chris Gjesfeld, Tricia Gudeman, Larissa Kennedy, Kimberly Nance, Sally Parry, Brent Simonds, Aaron Smith, Richard Sullivan, Lisa Szczepura, Andres Vidal-Gadea, Lisa Vinney, Diane Zosky.

## Students Present:

Michele Calabrese, Katie Crook, Katie Ishizaka, Logan Sauers, Tamilia Williams, Jewel Woodard

## Members Absent:

None

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

## Approved Meeting Minutes for August:

- Motion to Approve – Andres Vidal-Gadea
- 2<sup>nd</sup> to Approve – Kimberly Nance

## Aaron Smith, Chair of College Council:

- In the process of assigning students to College Council Committees.
- Please note there was an update to meeting dates.

## Dean's Remarks by Diane Zosky:

- 1) Dean Zosky will contact students about joining committees.
- 2) Dean Zosky will like to see more discussion within College Council and less reporting this year.
- 3) Discussion of Diversity and Inclusion Student Forums - Doris Huston has the first initiative in place to start student forums in each college. This will start with the College of Arts and Sciences. Two students will help shape the forum: Logan Williams and Samiat Solebo. The forums will start in October and four to five students will be recruited in each division. Logan and Samiat will be recruiting for a Student Advisory Council to the Dean's Office.
  - a) The Council had many thoughts on how the student forums will be handled and how to make it a better experience for diverse and inclusion students. Some of the things shared by members: getting the word out to students through Advisors and Chairs & Councils, there should be transparency from the beginning or students may be suspicious, all information needs to be documented, public statements about what the forum is doing, and maybe developing a Teams site.
  - b) There will be a broad approach to this committee and all groups will be represented. Feel free to email Dean Zosky with any suggestions.

- 4) Student Success – Enrollment is good, in spite of the pandemic. It is better to focus on student success than retention.
  - a) Amelia Noel-Elkins, Assistant Provost to Student Success will meet with each Department to discuss this issue.
  - b) Some ideas within the College: redefining our culture, meeting the students the students at their level, new approaches to success, helping freshman with organization, helping learn how to navigate the system, transitioning as a freshman or transfer student.
  - c) ISU is still attracting strong students even during this pandemic.

New Business:

1. **Tony Curbaugh** – Holdback exercises have been completed. In efforts to be conservative, the University asked for 5% general revenue cuts for CAS. The Provost office was able to absorb 3% and the College of Arts & Sciences only 2%.
2. **Joe Blaney** asked for the approval of his Technology Advisory Committee. Motion to accept by Larissa Kennedy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brent Simonds. RPRC met last Friday. Nominations have come in and the committee is evaluating. URG are due to Departments/School on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.
3. **Sally Parry** reports that spring registration has been moved back to October 19<sup>th</sup>. She is working on what next semester will look like. Some things to consider are on-line learning, late start, and spring break. There will be a survey to get feedback and will have feedback to the Provost by October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn – Andres Vidal-Gadea

Motion seconded – Elizabeth Chupp

Meeting adjourned at 10:50

Next Meeting – Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>