



COLLEGE COUNCIL
April 26, 2018
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES – FOR APPROVAL

Members present: Randy Basinger, Jamie-Claire Chau, John Chopka, Leah ClarkeRichard Crane, Carla Gross, Angela Hare, Kimberly Hawkins, Rhonda King, Caroline Maurer, Paula Maynard, Laura Miller, Rob Pepper, Kim Phipps, Sheryl Scaramuzzino, Richard Schaeffer, Kathie Shafer, William Strausbaugh, Jon Stuckey, David Walker, Samuel Wilcock

Chair: David Walker

Guests: Todd Abbott, Brian Swartz

Minutes Recorder: Melissa Cohen

Minutes and welcomeDavid Walker

David Walker, vice president for finance and planning, welcomed the Council. Minutes from the February 22, 2018 meeting were approved.

Athletic training proposalProvost Basinger/Angela Hare

Provost Basinger introduced a proposal for the new athletic training program, which will allow students to complete their bachelor’s and master’s degree over the course of five years. The licensure requirements are changing so that going forward athletic trainers will need a master’s degree in order to be fully licensed. He explained the guiding principles and admissions requirements for the program and noted the ongoing policy work regarding graduate housing and student services.

Angela Hare, dean of the School of Science, Engineering and Health, described the program proposal in more depth, noting that in addition to launching the accelerated five-year program, a new undergraduate major in pre-athletic training and a freestanding master’s degree in athletic training will also be available. This will give students several different entry points into the program, rather than having to commit to the five-year program before beginning at Messiah.

A. Hare stated that the program is already fully staffed and that no new hires were included in the business plan. Provost Basinger added that since the athletic training program is already fully accredited, all that is required is a substantive change (scheduled for Jan/Feb 2019) rather than a full reapplication.

Questions/comments:

- *Could a student who comes in next year begin the five-year program?* A. Hare responded that there would not be a real advantage for the student to do that, since this year’s incoming students will still be eligible to get full licensure with a bachelor’s degree.
- *It’s possible that many graduates from this program may be employed by public school systems, which may mean that they’d be eligible for advancement sooner than if they did not have their master’s degree.*

- Will we have to wait for accreditation before we can advertise the master's degree? A. Hare responded that the department can begin advertising the program now (with caveat language).

Athletic training program proposal

MOTION: To approve the five-year athletic training program proposal, which will continue through the campus governance process.

ENDORSED.

Engineering proposal.....Angela Hare/Brian Swartz

A. Hare and Brian Swartz, engineering department chair, provided an overview of the proposed engineering program changes. Up until this point, Messiah's engineering program has consisted of a B.S. in engineering with a number of concentrations. The newly proposed program would instead consist of four discipline-specific degrees (biomedical, civil, electrical, and mechanical) and one general engineering degree. This change is being proposed in order to better position Messiah's engineering program among competing institutions, many of which have discipline-specific degrees.

If internal approval is received this spring, students can begin enrolling in the new disciplines in fall 2018 and active recruiting will begin in fall 2019. The program cannot be accredited until at least one student graduates with one of the new degrees (estimated in 2022), but the current general engineering degree will stay accredited in the meantime. Once received, the accreditation will be retroactive. The department anticipates that the new programs will bring in an estimated additional ten students per class per year. Operating costs will include hiring a new full time faculty member and additional administrative support.

Engineering program proposal

MOTION: To approve the discipline-specific engineering program proposal, which will continue through the campus governance process.

ENDORSED.

FY18 Budget Update.....David Walker

D. Walker provided an update regarding the FY18 budget process. The budget is currently in a similar place as last year at this time. The financial team continues to watch revenue variances with salaries and benefits. Last year, there was a surplus of \$750,000, and D. Walker estimates that the surplus will be slightly lower this year due to net revenue variance, but that could change between now and the end of the fiscal year depending on contributions to the operating and annual fund.

FY19 Financial Plan.....David Walker

D. Walker presented the FY19 budget overview and reviewed line item increases, drawing attention to specific line items related to benefit changes, the impact of retirements and compensation increases, and index type increases in purchase areas such as dining.

FY19 financial plan

MOTION: To approve the FY19 financial plan as presented.

ENDORSED.

The meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Submitted by

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