

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
December 7, 2021

The meeting was held via Zoom.

Present: Tom Krabacher, Ron Coleman, Tom Savage, Katie Ardill, Matt Schmidtlein, Julie Griffin, Craig Timmons, Richard Aguirre, Chris Taylor, Lisa Hammersley, Shannon Datwyler, Michael Wright, Kacey Sozzi, Matt Block.

Meeting called to order at 9:15am.

1. Motion to approve the agenda. **Msc**
2. Motion to approve the minutes from Nov. 23, 2021 **Msc**
3. Announcements:

Lisa Hammersley

- The NSM Joint Council is being revived by the NSM ASI Director after not being very active over the past few years. There was a showcase event outside of Sequoia with club info and prizes which had to end early because there was such a high turnout. On Thursday there was a planning for success panel event with virtual speakers in TSC 1001 and pizza was provided. Ron Coleman spoke at the event as well as a student alumnus, and speaker from the Student Health Center. NSM JC will continue to develop efforts in the spring to bring students together and help build a sense of community on campus.
- The NSM holiday party is Thursday at 12-1:30pm on the TSC 2nd floor patio with lunch for everyone who would like to attend.
- Frosh/Soph. enrollment is extremely low with many classes sitting empty. This may be due to Hornet Launch which only takes place in the fall so faculty should advise students accordingly. NSM Advising has placed holds on 1st and 2nd year students so if students need the holds removed send them to the NSM Advising Office.

Shannon Datwyler

- The NSM-fest event planning is moving forward with the organizing group meeting to come up with ideas for the event and how to re-engage students with the college and departments. The event is planned to take place the 2nd week of the semester with some events that can be completed at any time during the week and some more coordinated events involving student clubs and departments on Wednesday and Thursday. More information to come out soon.
- Last semester Shannon and Gabrielle in the NSM Advising Center put on a 6-week workshop for faculty advisors which they would like to continue with trainings in the spring. After sending out a survey of interest, the faculty of the college responded that they would like to have drop in workshops focused on specific topics like graduation applications, catalog, GE requirements, etc. There will be 4-5 in the spring.

Ron Coleman

- There seems to be a bug causing some of the campus One Drive file folders to intermittently show up as empty. This may be due to long file path names. If anyone experiences this let Ron know so IRT can look into it.

Thomas Savage

- Before the closure there was discussion about monitors being installed in building lobbies to list directory information. Tom asked if this was still in the works. Lisa said it wasn't planned to put one in each building due to cost and installation restrictions in SQU. There is one in the TSC lobby and if anyone would like to have something displayed on it they should talk to Matt and Luong.

Action items

Associate Dean for Student Success search committee selection

- Academic Council is responsible for choosing 4 faculty to serve on the search committee for the Associate Dean for Student Success MPP position. Shannon Datwyler is currently serving as interim and left the meeting and did not participate in this discussion. There were 7 faculty who self-nominated but the Academic Council is not required to choose from just the self-nominations; if anyone on the Academic Council would like to serve they may put their name in. The Dean must select 1 staff member and up to 4 additional members, one of which must be a department chair. Lisa also plans to ask an associate dean from another college. The student rep is selected by ASI. Matt S. suggested that disciplinary diversity representation in addition to stage of career and equity and inclusion be considered when choosing the committee members. The list of self-nominations:
 - Andrew Reams, Biology
 - Jasdeep Pannu, Math
 - Joshua Wiscons, Math
 - Sayonita Ghosh Hajra, Math
 - Anna Patterson, Geography
 - Matt Schmidlein, Geography
 - Susan Crawford, Chemistry

The Academic Council selected Andrew Reams, Anna Patterson, Joshua Wiscons, and Sayonita Ghosh Hajra to serve on the search committee. **Msc**

Academic Council will meet at the same time next semester via Zoom until further notice.

10:20am adjourn