

Minutes
PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL
December 2, 2020
8:00 am via Zoom

PRESENT (via Zoom Meeting):

Dr. Brad Mortensen, President

Dr. Bret Ellis, Vice President for Information Technology

Dr. Ravi Krovi, Provost

Dr. Betsy Mennell, Vice President for University Advancement

Dr. Brett Perozzi, Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Norm Tarbox, Vice President for Administrative Services

Ms. Adrienne Andrews, Assistant Vice President for Diversity

Ms. Sherri Cox, Executive Assistant to the President

Dr. Timothy Herzog, Faculty Senate Chair

Mr. Luke Jenkins, Staff Advisory Council Chair

Mr. Steven Richardson, Director of Strategic Initiatives

Ms. Stephanie Hollist, Deputy General Counsel

Mr. Rich Hill, General Counsel

Dr. Jessica Oyler, Assistant Vice President for Human Resources

Mr. Dane LeBlanc, Director of Public Safety

Meeting Minutes
(November 4, 2020)

Campus Updates

Conversations with
Leadership

Immunization Policy

Program Review, Master
of Professional
Communication

Approval

Other

1. The meeting convened at 8:00 a.m. President Brad Mortensen welcomed attendees.
2. President's Council Members approved minutes, with changes, from the November 4, 2020, meeting.
3. Mr. Dane LeBlanc gave an update on COVID-19 testing. Approximately 5,000 tests have been conducted on campus thus far. A solution for testing in the residence halls after the holidays is being developed. Based on the needs of campus, the way testing is conducted may change. Decisions from the state and local health departments will be forthcoming that dictate how we handle vaccinations. USHE and the U of U are looking at piloting technology that assists with contact tracing.
4. President Mortensen and Provost Ravi Krovi discussed concerns with the general level of morale and communication issues with faculty and staff due to the pandemic. Setting up personable meetings with smaller divisional groups is being considered.
5. Provost Krovi discussed an Immunization Policy drafted by USHE. More discussion and direction from USHE needs to take place concerning this policy. Discussion was tabled until the January 6, 2021, President's Council meeting.
6. Provost Krovi gave a report on the review of the Master of Professional Communication program. The program has grown and is showing success with growth in salaries from graduates. Advising and faculty mentoring was applauded with suggestions to add more a critical thinking component in the curriculum. The review was favorable with a recommendation to review again in seven years.

The program review for Master of Professional Communication was approved to move forward to the Board of Trustees through the Personnel & Academic Policy Committee.

7. Other items addressed by President's Council included the following:
 - a. James Taylor has done amazing work with the Live and Work grants the past few months. He has been dedicated in making sure money has been spent to meet

deadlines. Many other folks have assisted with this as well, but James has dedicated much time to help with this important process, as it affects at least 1,100 students.

b. Enrollment reports are a concern. Deans have been asked to open up wait-listed courses to maximize enrollment. Outreach to students that are registered but never show up is taking place. Notification is being sent to students who qualify for CARES Act funding to let them know they are eligible and can register.

c. Dixie State's resolution for name change is working with faculty senate leaders and diversity officers at all institutions to weigh in on this topic.

Upcoming Events

8. Upcoming Events were included in the packet without discussion.

Meeting Adjourn

9. With no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.