



Academic Affairs Committee Minutes

July 19, 2024

McCandless Hall Room 300

Present: Cathy Dickens, Russ Johnson, Bridgette Walker, Steve Wang, Derek Newland, Dagan Bond-Turner, Morgan Stanford, Alyson Gill, Molly Myhan (Recorder)

Absent: Bill Dunnavant, Toni Bailey Christi Blaylock

Guests: Dave Ragsdale, Troy Adair, Lee Vartanian, Kem Roper, Jennifer Wolfe, Katia Maxwell, Jeffrey Guenther, Doug Riley, Mark Gale

- I. Meeting called to order by Ms. Dickens – 1:17 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - Motion 1: Bridgette Walker
 - Motion 2: Dagan Bond-Turner
 - All approved with no changes
- IV. Approval of Minutes (May17, 2024)
 - Motion 1: Bridgette Walker
 - Motion 2: Dagan Bond-Turner
 - All approved with no changes
- V. New Business
 - Informational Updates
 - Colleges and Library
 - Fall Faculty
 - 89 FT Faculty – 86 % hold terminal degrees
 - 89 PT Faculty (adjuncts) - COB adjuncts are invaluable due to their real-world experience

- 4 new hires: Assistant Professor of Nursing; Associate Professor of Chemistry; Assistant Professor of Accounting; Assistant Professor of Acquisition & Contract Management
- B.A. In Music Industry Studies – ACHE approved, June 14, 2024
- Nursing program - Partnerships with Calhoun, Drake and Wallace are what drive our high enrollment numbers.
- Individualized Degree Program (IDP) – joining of two disciplines that might not otherwise have degree paths
- Enrollment
 - COAS
 - Graduate Programs +209% (Cybersecurity)
 - Nursing +800%
 - Psychology +75%
 - BFA +42%
 - COB
 - Graduate Programs +34%
 - Management of Cybersecurity +30%
 - Occupational Health +50%
 - COE
 - Graduate Programs +50% (Career & Tech Ed +30%)
 - Early Childhood Ed. +9%
- Strategic Program Review
 - Deans will determine which programs to review/assess
 - 5-year cycle will be established
 - Lines for hiring faculty will be reviewed
 - Resources within departments will be reallocated
- Teaching and Learning and AI
 - 2 Teaching with AI cohorts have graduated
 - Faculty can police cheating by incorporating AI in courses; learning without outsourcing assignments
 - Plans for sharing Teaching with AI training across campus through professional development, Experiential learning, and highlighting at Fall Convocation

VI. Other Business

VII. Adjournment (Ms. Dickens): 1:47