

Academic Council Minutes
November 29, 2018
2:00 – 3:00 pm, Bayou 1311

Present: Steven Berberich, Yvette Bendeck, Kathy Matthew, Tim Richardson, Dorothy Kirkman for Ed Waller, Rick Short, Ju Kim, Mark Shermis, Chloris Yue, Laura Guerrero, Nick Kelling, Amanda Johnston, Alfredo Perez-Davila for Caroline Crawford, Elizabeth Beavers, Brian Stephens, Paul Withey for Mike McMullen, Heather Kanenberg

Guests: Ki-Young Jeong, Lisa Gossett (alternate)

Absent: Paul Wagner

WELCOME

Dr. Steven Berberich began by welcoming members to the first fall meeting.

The April 5, 2018 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS

- a) The proposal for the Engineering Management program's Project Management Certificate was opened for discussion. No discussion, unanimous approval, move to University Council.
- b) The proposal for the Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science with Computer Science 7-12 Certification was opened for discussion. No discussion, unanimous approval, move to University Council.

INFORMATION ITEMS

A resolution passed by Faculty Senate to request that academic spaces be prioritized over non-academic uses when evaluating reallocations of academic spaces. Forwarded onto University Council as an information item.

Dean Shermis stated he supported the recommendation but added there could be times where academic space could be converted to non-academic space. He gave the example of initiative to develop an early childhood center in the Arbor Building. He hoped people would be open to collectively considering these exceptions.

Provost Berberich also stated his support but noted that some of the sentences gave a position that was one-sided. For example, he read the second sentence of the second paragraph and then noted that there could be cases where the conversion of academic space to non-academic space could improve student experiences. Nick Kelling noted the policy was meant as a recommendation and an emphasis is to remember the academic components. Lisa Gossett stated policy is meant to be very intentional, adding that there were concerns in the past of space changes that were undertaken with no communication to the UHCL community. The Provost agreed that every case should be clear along with supporting the President's mission. He acknowledged there are other committees are working on the process piece making certain there is transparency.

As an informational item there was no action taken and the item will move to University Council.

The meeting was adjourned.
Charise Armstrong

Items to University Council:

- 1. Proposal for the Engineering Management program's Project Management Certificate - Vote
- 2. Proposal for the Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science with Computer Science 7-12 Certification – Vote
- 3. Faculty Senate Resolution –Space Allocation in Relation to Current Academic Space –November 2018 – Info Item