

# FINLANDIA

---

## UNIVERSITY

### Minutes

#### Academic Council

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

12:00 PM

Jutila Room 324 (conference room)

Meeting called to order at 12:08 p.m.

#### Action Items

1. Approval of Agenda  
Motion: Denise Vandeville  
Second: Erin Barnett  
*Approved*
2. [Approval of 2-13-18 Minutes](#)  
Motion: Erin Barnett  
Second: Kevin Manninen  
*Approved*

#### Discussion Items:

1. Community College Pathways – Erin Barnett
  - a. Looking to expand Community College Pathway 2+2 agreements.
  - b. Need to develop these guides and articulation agreements so students can easily see the path and graduate at Finlandia in four years.
  - c. Buying names from Honor Society for pre-nursing.
  - d. Philip would like to have agreements in place by the end of April.
  - e. Craig visits community colleges 3 to 4 times a year to meet with potential transfer students.
2. Next steps with Learning Solutions Online Courses – Fredi De Yampert
  - a. Process for approving courses
    - i. Thanked Jason Oyadomari and the curriculum committee for working through the process of approving five courses. Additional classes needed.
    - ii. The potential courses should go to the Curriculum Committee who could send them to all faculty for vetting.
    - iii. Working with Learning Solutions, Kamara willing to help us to get some of these process pieces identified and locked down.
  - b. FA Solutions
    - i. Initial contract heavy on Financial Aid support, which is not the need initially. Rather, we need the processing piece, live chats, calls, outbound services, less on student servicing and financial aid.
    - ii. Provide them with RN and BSN prospects to contact.
    - iii. Preferred vendor of Empower so they know our system.
    - iv. Asked for new proposal without the financial aid piece to get us from prospect to deposit.

3. Assessment Update – Denise Vandeville
  - a. Activities
    - i. Committee is interested in making a change and having an all-day advising workshop on May 2.
  - b. Sequence for assessments for program reviews were shared:
    - i. Program review process for general education
    - ii. Assessment of learning outcomes
    - iii. Assessment processes and methodology
    - iv. Rubric will be used to evaluate the assessment plans by the program
    - v. Assessment Committee is looking at curriculum mapping for next year with lists of courses, learning outcomes introduced and enforced.
    - vi. Assessment calendar
4. AAS General Studies and BA Liberal Studies/Assessment – Denise Vandeville
  - a. AAS General Studies and BA Liberal Studies programs do not have a real assessment plan. What would an enhanced assessment look like?
  - b. There has been movement on all non-accredited programs except, AAS General Studies, BA Liberal Studies and AAS in Criminal Studies
  - c. Denise will provide the list of everyone who is not on a program.
5. 2 credit WI courses – Denise Vandeville
  - a. Art and Design needs 6 credits of writing intensive courses and because there were not two 3-credit courses, they have chosen 3 two-credit courses.
6. Beihai update – Denise Vandeville
  - a. Asking group to come in April or May instead of June.

### **Reports and Announcements**

1. VP for Academic Affairs—Fred de Yampert
  - a. HLC Update-
    - i. Visit will be April 23 to include two finance specialists, Dr. Henry Smith and Dr. Brett Powell.
  - b. COA Survey from Inside Higher Education
    - i. The webinar on the Chief Academic Officer Survey from Inside Higher Education showed that universities were have trouble with budget and budget cuts as well as cuts in humanities and the liberal arts.
    - ii. Will share webinar if available
  - c. Tenure Promotion Committee
    - i. Has two candidates and they will send their recommendation in early March.
  - d. Board of Trustees
    - i. Distinguished faculty award nominations will be coming soon.
  - e. Full Faculty meeting
  - f. May 3 with breakfast
2. Dean of Students—Erin Barnett
  - a. Working on focus group faculty-student basketball game
  - b. Mock Rock
  - c. Diversity Dinner – BSU will co-sponsor
  - d. Student Senate date changed
  - e. Admission is on the road, 65 deposits for fall with 9 transfer students.
3. Registrar—Jason Sullivan
  - a. Grades due at 3pm today (2/27).

- b. Updated schedule emailed for review. Need changes by Friday, March 2.
  - c. Website updated for writing intensive list.
  - d. Second half class schedule changes are allowed until Monday before noon. Jason will send email out to faculty.
4. Faculty Athletic Advisor—Kevin Manninen
5. Academic Deans' reports
- a. SCAS—Jason Oyadomari
    - i. Kamara's PSY position is posted.
  - b. ISB—Kevin Manninen
    - i. Troy Woodson will host a talk on March 15, "Finding the American Dream in Finland,"
    - ii. One of our key partners in FinnZone is ProLocalis, a marketing strategy mobile app that helps people find and purchase locally produced goods, services, activities, and tourism experiences. They will connect both local artisans and provide a forum for all local producers of food on Wednesday March 14 at the Finnish American Heritage Center at 4pm.
    - iii. 1 Million Cups presentation will be Wednesday morning. Promotes entrepreneurship in communities. Sponsored by MTech's Smart zone.
    - iv. Online courses are not going so well for the Finnish students given the strict protocol.
    - v. Interviewing two candidates for the Marketing Position.
    - vi. Reviewing the marketing and business communication courses.
    - vii. Quick Books Course starts March 13.
    - viii. UP Business, Pitch competition with other schools in the UP on Saturday March 31 at NMU. Emphasis will be on presentation skills and business ideas.
    - ix. Steve'n'Seagulls presentation at the Roza Center on September 5, 2018.
    - x. Charles Bauervic Grant Application is available for educational equipment.
  - c. ISAD—Denise Vandeville
    - i. Young Women's Caucus back from LA.
    - ii. Working on a no food policy for our studios.
    - iii. Sculpture Dept. is arranging our Michigan Tech Foundry experience.
    - iv. Seniors turning in first drafts of their papers.
  - d. CHS—Fred de Yampert
    - i. Health Care Management processing under review, however there is a need for a concrete management process for the major.
    - ii. Nursing registrations up a bit.
    - iii. Nursing with OB position open.
    - iv. PTA – no concerns or changes, working on a potential curriculum change.
    - v. MA enrollment is zero. Fredi will meet with Sam Saint-Onge on moving forward.
    - vi. Irina, Karen and Fredi will be presenting at the Superior Health Foundation lunch at MTU tomorrow (2/28).

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.  
 Minutes taken by Laura Shawhan

**Attachments:**

- [AC Meeting Minutes 2-13-18](#)