

CSPP Meeting Minutes October 14, 2020

In attendance: Matt Bender, David Blake, James Felton, Jana Gevertz, Suchir Govindarajan, David Hunt, Debra Klokis, Bryanna O’Keefe, Jeff Osborn, Dave Prenskey, Lee Ann Riccardi, Lloyd Ricketts, Nino Scarpati, Sean Stallings.

Excused: Joe O’Brien

Absent: Samah Mubin

1. Minutes

September 23, 2020 minutes approved with no corrections.

2. Update on new academic programs currently in review at the state level

- a. B.A. in Anthropology
- b. Post-baccalaureate Dual Certification Program with option to complete M.Ed. in Early Childhood and Elementary Education

CSPP has a role in the initial stage of new degree programs being developed. Both academic programs went through our full internal process at the institution. The BOT approved them over the summer, and last week they were presented at the NJ State President Council’s Academic Issues Committee (Provost Osborn serves on the committee as a representative of TCNJ). The AIC approved both programs with flying colors. Next, these programs will go the NJ President’s Council for the final approval, and then these programs will be approved at the state level. We can anticipate more program changes throughout the semester.

3. Update on interviews with consultants for new strategy framework

D. Blake, J. Osborn, H. Fehn, and President Foster held a series of conversations with a number of consultants to help us with the new strategy framework. The plan is to recommend a group to the Board of Trustees at their next Board mtg.

An issue that was emphasized in their conversations was the need not to duplicate the previous strategic plan that had too many things to focus on. This time, we want a process that will force us to make decisions and set priorities that will create some metrics that we can look at, not at the end of a five-year cycle, but every year as part of the new plan.

4. Discussion of facilitators to help lead focus group interviews and initial brainstorming about the types of questions to ask e.g., mission and vision, key pillars and metrics

We will need to expand out across the campus--from the BOT, alumni, community members, people who are traditionally on campus, etc. This committee cannot do all of the work on our own. We will need volunteers to lead the various focus group interviews. The focus groups will discuss a series of questions determined by the CSPP and external consultant.

5. Discussion of expanding CSPP for the strategy formulation stage: how many additional people should we include and when should they be included?

Typically, we would have a retreat for this activity. It is unlikely that we will be able to do that in person. We need to address the roles that need to be represented. The previous task force had 35+ people; a more manageable group is desirable this time.

Respectfully submitted,
James A. Felton, III