

PROVOST'S COUNCIL

March 23, 2021

Minutes

The Provost's Council met on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, from 8:30-10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Those present were Austin Agho (Chair), Andy Casiello, Paul Currant, Tammi Dice, Gail Dodge, Annette Finley-Croswhite, Renee Felts, Stuart Frazer, Giovanna Genard, Nina Gonser, Kate Hawkins, Jonathan Leib, David Metzger, Renee Olander, Tisha Paredes, Brian Payne, John Sokolowski, Narketta Sparkman-Key, Ben Stuart, Jeff Tanner, Bonnie Van Lunen, and Robert Wojtowicz. Attending as guests were Kevin Leslie, Daniela Cigularova, and David Shirley.

1. The February 23, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.
2. Hampton Roads Biomedical Research Consortium

Dr. Kevin Leslie, Executive Director of the Hampton Roads Biomedical Research Consortium (HRBRC), provided an overview of this new entity, a partnership between ODU, EVMS, and Sentara Healthcare.

The HRBRC has three organizational members: ODU, EVMS, and Sentara, and has state funding of \$10M in one-time

intentional efforts that prioritize transfer students, providing clear programmatic pathways, and providing tailored transfer student advising. ODU has created a Call-to-Action Team to ensure transfer students are provided with dedicated support to remove impediments and improve success, including a transfer student portal on the website.

4. Announcements

Kate Hawkins reported highlights on the “back to campus” plan. Brief discussion followed. A concern was expressed about classroom space being reallocated by the Registrar’s Office, so that professors who might want to transition back to offering classes via in-person format are not finding appropriate classrooms available to do so. Others indicated hearing some reluctance by faculty to offer in-person courses. Provost Agho requested information be provided by the Registrar’s Office about courses being offered on online versus in-person. He stated student success data indicated that the students most adversely affected by the transition to online instruction during the pandemic were those enrolled in 100-level courses. He asked the deans to meet with chairs to encourage that 100-level courses be offered in-person wherever possible.