

Professional and Technical Employee Council Minutes

November 3, 2021

Attending: Erin Delle, Adina Kerfoot, Shannon Mayo, Adrian Montague, Jessica Reece, Patti Tanski-Mego, Will Shull

Absent: Lindsay Tritt

I. Welcome and General Updates

- a. Meeting minutes from October 6, 2021 were approved- motion made by Adrian Montague, seconded by Erin Delle

II. Committee Updates

- a. Pro-Tech staff development event discussion tabled until next meeting- attempting to gather information from EAP and what we are allowed to do, do we need to conduct virtually due to Covid-19 and taking precautions or in smaller groups

III. Open Discussion Topics

- a. Covid-19 Fresh Start was discussed; Patti will email Robin Marek and ask when information on Fresh Start will go out to staff and what the plan on sharing the information is. Questions and answers are listed below:

1. What is the plan for rolling the Covid Fresh Start Exception to TBR policy out to the institution? We are creating a form for the Covid Fresh Start, similar to the one for Academic Fresh Start. Once this is finished, we will share the form and the details with the campus so everyone knows how to assist students.

2. Will the Q&A with the Chancellor regarding Covid Fresh Start be shared broadly? Yes, this Q&A has been shared with Student Services Directors because some of us were interpreting the exception to be more broadly available than it actually ended up being. When the form and mass campus communication goes out, this Q&A will be included.

This option is more of a recruiting opportunity for students who had a rough time when they were here during the Covid semesters of Spring 2020-Summer 2021, and may be interested in returning in Spring 2022 or later. It does not apply to anyone who is currently taking classes this Fall. We are hoping to have our site ready to go by the end of the week so we can begin outreach with potential students. We will encourage students to reapply and like AFS, they will be asked to talk with an advisor for assistance with filling out their request form, we will make sure the advisors have what they need to help students before students begin approaching them.

- b. Will gave an update on the JAQ- stated there was a large amount of information and it will take time to go through and put together a plan.
- c. Pandemic response and mask mandates were discussed- we are currently watching the CDC and how they determine where we are; Governor Lee has 10 days to sign the legislation sitting on his desk and if it passes there will be no mask mandates or contact tracing.

IV. Conclusion:

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Erin Delle, seconded by Adrian Montague and passed unanimously