The Academic Planning Council (APC) Meeting convened via Zoom on Wednesday, September 8, 2021. Provost Jackson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Provost David H. Jackson, Jr., Dr. Yolanda Anderson, Dr. Michelle Mayo, Dr. Jaleh Rezaie, Dr. Ralph Barrett, Dr. Pauletta Bracy, Dr. Faye Calhoun, Dr. Sarah Carrigan, Dr. Jerome Goodwin, Dean Audrey Beard, Ms. Joyce Kovalik, Ms. Joy Hartfield, Dean Anthony Nelson, Dr. Sharon Oliver, Dr. Kimberly Phifer-McGhee, Dr. Deborah Fortune, Dr. Eun Park, Dean Joseph Green, Ms. Malissa Evans-Hall, Dr. Tim Mulrooney, Dr. Mohammed Ahmed, Ms. Shannon Pugh, Atty. Keir Morton-Manley, Ms. Leah Kraus, Dean Jon Gant, Dean Browne Lewis, Dean Laverne Reid, Dean Carlton Wilson, Ms. Karen Grimwood, Dr. Sean Tikkun, Mr. Mark White, Mr. Clayton Mack, Ms. Cynthia Duarte, and Selina Mumford.

Dean Carlton Wilson moved to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2021 and June 9, 2021 Academic Planning Council meetings. It was seconded by Dean Anthony Nelson. The motion carried.

Dr. Jaleh Rezaie presented the program modification request for M.S. in Environmental, Earth, and Geospatial Sciences. The request is to offer the M.S. in Environmental, Earth, and Geospatial Sciences online. By offering online, this will provide access to students who are unable to attend face-to-face classes. It will generate an enrollment increase.

It was moved by Dr. Jon Gant and properly seconded by Dr. Anthony Nelson to approve the program modification for M.S. in Environmental, Earth, and Geospatial Sciences Online Program. The motion carried.

In addition, Dr. Rezaie presented the program modification request to remove concentrations and change core and elective requirements for the M.S in Environmental, Earth and Geospatial Sciences. Twelve hours of core courses are required and students are required to complete fifteen hours of graduate–level electives than can be dedicated to graduate-level courses of their interest or choosing. This will provide students with more flexibility in their course selections. Student must complete 3 hours of the thesis option or 3 hours of the project option.

It was moved by Dr. Jon Gant and properly seconded by Dr. Anthony Nelson to approve the program modification to remove concentrations and change core and elective requirements for the M.S. in Environmental, Earth, and Geospatial Sciences. The motion carried.
Dr. Jerome Goodwin announced:

- The Registrar’s Office staff is preparing the course schedules for Spring 2022
- Priority registration begins October 4-8, 2021. The band students will be included in priority registration. The Registrar’s Office will send the priority registration memorandum to the priority registration groups.
- Early spring registration begins October 13, 2021
- Winter Intersession – December 9-22, 2021

The APC members discussed the registration of online courses and the necessity to ensure that students in fully online degree programs have first priority for online courses.

Dr. Jaleh Rezaie questioned the possibility of identifying students taking courses outside of their designated academic programs. Dr. Goodwin will meet with Dr. Rezaie and Dr. Jon Gant to discuss an identification method. The Registrar’s Office will initiate a notification system in Banner to aid in preventing students from taking courses outside of their programs without proper approval.

It was moved by Dr. Joseph Green and properly seconded by Dr. Anthony Nelson to adjourn. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Selina J. Mumford