**KANSAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY**

**Division Council Minutes**

**January 10, 2020**

**Present:** Bill Backlin, Dorothy Hanna, Janeane Houchin, Barbara Marshall, Kristy Rodriguez

**Absent:** Damon Kraft (Chair)

**Call to Order:** Acting Chair, Bill Backlin, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**Unfinished Business:**

* Program Prioritization: It was mentioned that “next steps” were not clear. Dr. Backlin stated that gathering faculty input was an important aspect of the phase in which we currently are. It was stated that faculty recommendations would be important as well as faculty providing alternative suggestions. Concerns were expressed regarding the $$ amounts in the President’s “savings list” and questioned whether said $$ amounts are accurate. Concerns over administrative/staff expenditures were expressed.

**New Business:**

* Middle Managers: Adulting Sessions for Students: Bryan McCullar attended today’s meeting and addressed iGen student skills that most students lack in “adulting.” Such skills would include loans, buying a car, cooking, employee rights, insurance, financial planning, and buying a house. Middle Managers Committee is working to provide “adulting" events throughout the semester that will address some of these skills. The first event is scheduled for January 29, 2020, “Adulting on Taxes.” Big “adulting" topic concerned the “Gold Star” on driver licenses for “Real I.D.” Potential “adulting” training dates/times will be at noon – 1:00 p.m. on Fridays. Bryan provided handouts; one of which was a list of KWU events. Bryan requested that Division Chairs provide any activities not listed on the events list in order to avoid as many conflicts as possible.
* Start-of-Semester Questions:
	+ Classes are closed: what should we put students in?
	+ Courses students need are not being taught (e.g., Accounting)
	+ Speech, Statistics, A&P, classes are all closed.
	+ Ask Registrar to send Provost DC members waitlisted classes.
	+ It was noted that having a registration event two days after Christmas without any support staff being available was challenging at best. System is broken and this didn’t work. We need to do something different. We need to review what we are asking faculty to do regarding the registration of students over break. This is complicated when course sections are closing. There needs to be a reasonable expectation for all faculty to participate in such events and not just the few who are always giving of their time.

**Other:**

* Eisenhower Scholarships: Dr. Backlin asked DC members for help to find an essay reviewer and 5 interviewers for the Saturday, January 25, 2020, Eisenhower Scholarship day/competition. DC members stated they will contact faculty who could be of assistance.
* Sylvia Kvacik – Hope’s Echoscape: Dr. Backlin brought this event to the attention of DC members and will take place on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at noon in Kirkpatrick Auditorium. Dr. Backlin asked DC members to talk with their faculty to and requested faculty to encourage students to attend.

**Next meeting:** TBD

**Adjournment:** With no further business to address, Dr. Backlin (acting Chair) adjourned the meeting 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Backlin

Academic Dean and Meeting Recorder