**KANSAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY**

**Division Council Minutes**

**January 21, 2020**

**2:30-3:30pm in PH 320**

**Present:** Bill Backlin, Dorothy Hanna, Steve Hoekstra (via phone), Janeane Houchin, Damon Kraft (Chair), Barbara Marshall, Kristy Rodriguez

**Call to Order:** Kraft called the meeting to order at 2:33pm, and Houchin provided an opening prayer. Minutes from 1/10/20 were approved.

**Unfinished Business:**

* Program Prioritization: Kraft provided an updated set of recommendations that Dr. Thompson would be providing to all of IDC later that same day. Discussion ensued about the proposed division/department restructure:

1. Concerns about the complexity of departments not accounted for

2. Concerns about outside-accredited programs

3. Concerns about loss of collegiality

4. Some thought division chairs would need more release time to facilitate their work

5. Some argued that it gets rid of a teaching emphasis and stresses administrative functions

6. There would be a need to specify duties completed at the departmental level

7. Some believed that there would be limited savings in either time or money

8. Some said that it appeared to be an elimination of divisions and a combining of departments

9. Some thought that scheduling meetings with so many people would be difficult

* Questions about the accuracy of the savings realized through the elimination of Speech and Speech/Theatre Ed.
* Discussion about sharing concerns with others. This conversation addressed issues of professionalism, collegiality, and tone.

**New Business:**

* DC will meet on Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30pm, except for the first Tuesday of every month.
* Reminder about group advising on 2/17 from 4:15-5pm.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, 1/28, 2:30-3:30pm

**Adjournment:** With no further business to address, Kraft adjourned the meeting 3:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Damon Kraft

Meeting Recorder