Academic Council Agenda 8/28/2020

I. Welcome and New Member Introduction—Kelly Costner, Chair

Kori Bloomquist (CAS)

Jessie Hamm (CAS)

Jesse Weser (CVPA)

Brandon Jackson (CSL)

Two vacancies remain: one to be appointed by the President upon recommendation by VPAA; one to be elected from COE to complete the remaining two years of a term.

II. Charge by Faculty Conference (established by vote on Fri 08/21/2020)

We move that Academic Council be tasked with taking a close look at the modified grading system instituted late in Spring 2020 and continued into Fall 2020 to address the following:

- A. What was the **impact** of the modified grading system in Spring 2020? This might include looking at data on the number of CR grades given, the percent of students opting for the SU option, the overall campus GPA compared to a "typical" spring semester.
- B. What are **other institutions** doing in terms of modified grading systems and what is the timing of these?
- C. What were the **challenges** that our **faculty encountered** as a result of this modified grading system?
- D. Based on 1-3, please allow the entire faculty to take a vote on extensions to the modified grading system.
- III. We have no business on which to vote, but we will take this opportunity to
 - A. Discuss with Academic Affairs and Records and Registration the **types of data** already available and/or obtainable that might be useful in our pursuit of these questions, especially #1
 - B. Consider sources and ways we might approach data collection for #2 and #3
 - C. Explore any **other possible questions** related to the charge (ex: any student challenges?) and
 - D. Establish some distributed duties amongst ourselves in pursuit of these data.

IV. Announcements

V. Adjournment