

**University of Southern Indiana
Council of Department Chairs and Program Directors
Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2021**

Present:

Oana Armeanu, Paul Arthur, Christy Baker, Michael (Brody) Broshears, Shelly Blunt, Andrew Buck, Jeri Burger, Amy Chan Hilton, Tori Colson, Charles (Chuck) Conaway, Charlotte Connerton, Belle Cowden, Cindy Deloney-Marino, Michael Dixon, Wes Durham, William (Bill) Elliott, Jr., Abbas Foroughi, Renee Frimming, Erin Gilles, Steve Gruenewald, Melissa Hall, Jason Hardgrave, Marna Hostetler, Rick Hudson, Jessica Garces Jensen, Paul Kuban, Melanie Lee, Julie McCullough, Amie McKibban, Chad Milewicz, MT Hallock Morris, Thomas Noland, Kimberly Parsons, Oana Popescu-Sandu, Jill Raisor, Silvia Rode, Gina Schaar, Todd Schroer, Jack Smothers, Sara Stevens, Wendy Turner, Kevin Valadares, Ken Walsh, Amy Wilson, Stephanie Young, and Emilija Zlatkovska

Meeting was called to order at 8:30am by Chair Parsons.

Approval of the minutes from November 18, 2020: Approved without objection.

Dr. Kevin Valadares, Chair of Health Administration: As an awareness, Dr. Valadares shared with the group his involvement with the grant, iDecide, which was received from the Indiana State Department of Health geared towards nursing home residents to improve their quality of life. Chair Parsons will send the powerpoint slide to the council members.

Michael (Brody) Broshears, Assistant Vice President for Academic Success: Brody shared with the group the Student Retention Predictor and College Student Inventory, which is a tool to help students transition to college and aid in future programming, primarily with 1st year students. Chair Parsons will send the powerpoint presentation to the council.

Dr. Michael Dixon, Director of Graduate Studies: Policy changes already approved by Provost Council and President's Council. Dr. Dixon presented the following policies for informational purposes: Course Repeat, Graduate Fresh Start, Graduate Study Admissions Criteria, Graduate Faculty Affiliate Status, and Graduate Transfer Credit Hours. Policies have been unanimously approved by Graduate Council and endorsed by the President's Council and Provost Council. Chair Parsons sent copies of the proposed changes to the council members prior to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14am.

Next meeting: February 24 at 8:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Frimming, Secretary