

**University of Southern Indiana
Council of Department Chairs and Program Directors
Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2021**

Present:

Oana Armeanu, Paul Arthur, Christy Baker, Andrew Buck, Jeri, Burger, Amy Chan Hilton, Tori Colson, Charlotte Connerton, Cindy Deloney-Marino, James Dickerson, Michael Dixon, Wes Durham, William (Bill) Elliott, Jr., Trent Engbers, Jennifer Evans, Abbas Foroughi, Renee Frimming, Erin Gilles, Steve Gruenewald, Sukanya Gupta, Melissa Hall, Jason Hardgrave, Marna Hostetler, Rick Hudson, Tamara Hunt, Jessica Garces Jensen, Paul Kuban, Melanie Lee, Julie McCullough, Amie McKibban, Chad Milewicz, Becca Neel, Tom Noland, Kimberly Parsons, Oana Popescu-Sandu, Silvia Rode, Todd Schroer, Jack Smothers, Sara Stevens, Connie Swenty, 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 March 31, 2021: The minutes were approved without objection.

Dr. Mohammed Khayum, Provost-Provided updates, and guidance for the council regarding the fall semester (faculty accommodations, classroom capacity, schedules, masks) and academic program reviews. Provost Khayum wants to form a working group on campus on the integration of artificial intelligence in higher education. Please identify individuals in your areas with expertise in statistics, data analytics, and data analysis to help with more analysis for the strategic plan.

Dr. Tracy Kinner, Clinical Assistant Professor of Nursing, Project Director and Primary Investigator for the Nurse Education, Practice Quality, and Retention Registered Nurses and Primary Care Grant-Provided the council with information regarding the Registered Nurses in Primary Care Training Program, a four-year grant of more than 2 million awarded by the Department of Health and Human Services. Goals of the grant are to increase students' knowledge in primary care, educate registered nurses to practice at the top of their scope, and provide interprofessional education.

Dr. Lori Phillips, Assistant Professor of Nursing, Program and Project Director of the Nurse Practitioner Residency Program-Provided information regarding the four-year grant of 1.7 million grants funded by HRSA focusing on advanced nursing education. The goal of the residency program is to increase the number of nurse practitioners in Indiana in rural, underserved, or vulnerable populations.

Janet Johnson, Director of Alumni Relations and Volunteer USI-Provided information on how to access the Screaming Eagles Mentoring Program website.

Becca Neel, Assistant Director for Resource Management-Provided us with Library updates regarding the cloud-based catalog, new fUSIon, and the Link Resolver.

Stephanie Hawes, Marketing Manager-Provided us with information regarding the new marketing initiatives for Fall 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05am.

Next meeting: September 29, 2021 at 8:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Frimming, Secretary