**Minutes – August 31, 2020 9-11:00am, Zoom Meeting**  
**Provost Council**

### MEMBERS
Lori Schroeder, Graham Benton, Don Maier, Kevin Mandernack, Francelina Neto, Michele Van Hoeck, Julia Odom, Priscilla Muha, Marc McGee, Katie Hansen, Mike Kazek, Gary Moser, Veronica Boe, Matt Tener, Dinesh Pinisetty, Rhonda Pate, Christopher Brown

### GUESTS
Jessica McGinley

### ABSENT
Gary Moser

1. **Review & Approve Minutes from June 16th, July 14th & August 17th**

   APPROVED

2. **Graduate Program – Update (Boe)**

   - Big credit given to Kathy Arnold
   - Program began in Sept 2011
   - Consists of 10 courses over 5 semesters
   - Fully online
   - Average age of student = 34 years old
   - Students are usually already employed and looking to advance into management
   - 30% are sponsored by their companies
   - Average class size is 22
   - Increasing # of women
   - Program is under constant evaluation by committee to keep up w/ demand and changes in specific industries (growing and developing beautifully)

   Graduate Program Summary provided to the Provost Council via email

3. **Baccalaureate Policy (Kazek)**

   - Reviewed most recent version
   - Ready for final review
   - Edits were made to make more general
   - Being Approved by the Senate

   Once approved by the Academic Senate, Mike will get it to Jessica McGinley for the PC’s final review

4. **Long Range Planning Group – Update (Neto/Maier)**

   - Working on plans for Spring Semester
   - Not sure what covid #’s will look like – hard to prepare
   - Possibly a repeat of Fall 2020 structure
   - Everyone could return IF #’s improve
   - Must factor in IE and the missed cruise
   - Have to find a way to make up missed sea time
   - Licensing in January is an issue, as some Seniors have not experienced their cruise
     - Should we move testing?
     - Seniors won’t be prepared

   Work in progress

5. **Ethnic Studies (Benton)**

   - We need to begin working this new requirement into the general education curriculum

   Work in progress – Jessica will setup a meeting to begin this process

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