



**Provost's Council: FULL
Meeting Notes – March 29, 2016**

ATTENDEES	Susan Bigler, Graham Benton, Jim Burns, Tamra Donnelly, Mike Kazek, Marc McGee, Gary Moser, Donna Nincic, Sue Opp, Peg Solveson, Michele Van Hoeck
ABSENT	
GUESTS	Julie Chisholm

AGENDA ITEM	
1. Welcome Peg Solveson as Interim Registrar	
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registrar's office is working through commencement lists to verify graduating seniors. Students must apply for their degree, and separately apply to participate in Commencement.
CONCLUSIONS	
2. Commencement and Senior Awards update	
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students graduating this spring and summer are eligible for Highest GPA award, to be announced at Commencement. Each student can get only one award. Academic department awards will be given at April 11 formation. Students will march into Commencement by major, and each major will carry a banner.
3. 2014 NSSE Results	
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSSE results were presented March 8 to PC and SALT. Steve Kreta intends to share the results with students. Survey results show that students aren't aware that they are being taught critical thinking, although we have a Critical Thinking class. How do we fix this? Next NSSE survey will be administered in Spring 2017.
4. SMART Goals 2015-16 review	
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Department webpages still need to be revised. We have increased public awareness of campus academic & cultural events such as Rizza Lecture and Maritime Film Festival. STCW issues are being addressed in an ongoing process. It might be a good idea to prepare an informational webpage or handout for the students. SMARTPlanner is being implemented in conjunction with CSU.

5. Centers & Institutes Policy and Golden Bear Research Center		
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are establishing an official Golden Bear Research Center. It will be self-supporting. Official operations begin April 4, 2016. MSSC may also be chartered as an official research center. 	
6. Summer Sessions		
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was a question if we will hold campus classes in Summer 2017 but we plan to only offer online courses. 	
7. Welcome Back 2016-17 planning		
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 2016 All-Hands Meeting, Orientation, New Faculty & Staff activities have all been scheduled. 	
8. CFA Strike		
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration is making no recommendations to faculty about giving final exams in the event of a strike. The options for final exams are: proctor/online/take-home. Faculty who want someone to proctor their final exams should arrange that now. We won't know until the day before if the strike will actually happen. 	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE