

## **ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING**

January 23, 2018

12:00 PM – Ag Hall Conference Room

### **MEMBERS:**

Eric Reed	Brad Ramsdale
Doug Smith	Barb Berg - absent
Mary Rittenhouse	Ron Rosati
Kevin Martin	Tee Bush
Vicky Luke	Catherine Hauptman – recorder
Jennifer McConville	

The NCTA Academic Council Meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM with the above referenced in attendance.

### **MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING**

- Minutes from the previous meeting, December 20, 2018, were reviewed.
- Doug Smith moved to accept the minutes, Eric Reed 2nd, motion carried and the minutes were approved as written.

### **CENTRAL NEBRASKA SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR**

- The Central Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair will be on campus in the Education Center on February 26, 2018.
- This will be Dan Widick's last year running the event.
- Eric Reed is asking that if someone is interested in helping Dan with the event this year and continuing it on for the following years to please let him or Dan know.
- Faculty will think about this and we will put this on our Dean's Council agenda for Tuesday.

### **ADJUNCT FOR GENERAL EDUCATION**

- Eric Reed let the Academic Council know that Dan Widick is planning to retire after this semester.
- Moving forward there needs to be a decision about who should take over and whether an adjunct should be hired
- Discussion was made.
- This will be an agenda item on our next Dean's Council.

### **CAP DECORATION**

- Vicky Luke discussed cap decoration at the NCTA commencement this year.
- She spoke to individuals at UNL, and they are allowing students to decorate their caps as long as the decorations is appropriate
- Discussion was made
- All Academic Council members were in favor of students being able to decorate their caps this year at graduation.

### **COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**

- Dean Rosati suggested having Steve Wellman, the director of the Department of Agriculture, be our NCTA 2018 commencement speaker.
- Steve was a UNSTA 1981 graduate of Ag production.
- If Steve Wellman is unable to speak, Doug Smith suggesting Clayton Anderson, who is the only Nebraska astronaut.
- Dr. Rosati will contact Steve Wellman and bring the issue to Dean's Council.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Vicky Luke asked Tee Bush, Faculty Senate president, to start working to determine who will be the 2018 commencement marshals.
- NCTA commencement is Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30pm in the Curtis Community Center.

**DEAN'S COUNCIL WAS ADJORNED AT 12:35 PM  
THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2018**