VPAA Council

August 20, 2020

Agenda

1. AI Institute update (Yousuf George)
2. VPAA Goals
3. First week update

VPAA Council Meeting Minutes

1. AI Institute update

   Yousuf George provided an update that the Bachelor of Science in Ethical Data Science and Bachelor of Science in Business, Artificial Intelligence and Innovation are at the State level for approval. There is also a Bachelor of Arts degree related to ethics and legal issues being planned. There have been two faculty hires that will support the degrees: 1 in School of Business and Leadership; 1 in CAS. Plans are to investigate community partners, internship opportunities, and internal/external advisory groups. The official launch is planned for January 2021.

2. VPAA Goals Review and Prioritize

   Andrea led the discussion on prioritizing goals which concluded to focus on academic programs, areas around Diversity and Inclusion, and Ashoka framework.

3. First week updates

   Nick LaMedola provided updates on the student census: 1434 returning students as of 8/20/20; 85.3% retention rate (1st yr to 2nd yr); 484 Freshman

   Identified processes related to adhering to COVID guidelines.