Minutes of the Provost’s Council Meeting of April 28, 2009

Present: Anantha Babbili, Arthur Hernandez, Carlos Huerta, Margaret Lucero, Robert Nelsen, Kelly Quintanilla, Blair Sterba-Boatwright, David Billeaux, Mary Jane Hamilton, Frank Pezold, Harvey Knull, James Needham

Note taker: Cely Smart

I. Call to Order
Provost Babbili called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes
The minutes from the March 24th meeting were approved with a friendly amendment to the language.

III. 2009 STEP and Star Awards Nominations
Dr. Babbili reported that the nominations for the Academic Advising and Transition Center have been sent as the campus nomination for the 2009 STEP awards. May 15th is the deadline for the Star Award.

IV. Undergraduate Council
Dr. Lucero presented the Council with the proposal for the Undergraduate Council. Dr. Lucero reported that the university needs an Undergraduate Council to review changes to the University Catalog and all course and program changes. The Council recommended the addition of language regarding staggered two year terms for council members and a clarification on the role of the Undergraduate Council with regard to the Core Curriculum Committee. The council unanimously moved to endorse the creation of an Undergraduate Council.

V. WebCT Blackboard Task Force Report
Dr. Lucero provided the council with information on the upgrade to WebCT 8 and requested the Council’s approval. The Council unanimously moved to approve the upgrade to WebCT 8.

VI. Other Issues of the Council
Dr. Babbili requested the Council approve the inclusion of “Fisheries” into the Master of Science in Mariculture degree. The Council unanimously approved the motion. Dr. Babbili and Dr. Nelsen provided information on the measures the university is to take for the H1N1 virus. Any student who misses a final due to the H1N1 virus should be given an incomplete regardless of their current grade. Any student, staff, or faculty member who has flu-like symptoms should be advised to stay home and get tested.