Members Present: Judy Abbott, Ken Austin, Jay Thornton, Susan Casey, Jennifer Newquist (Sub for Sally Ann Swearingen), George Wiley, Lauren Burrow, Daniel McCleary, Deborah Buswell, Mary Olle (Sub for Chay Runnels), Claudia Whitley, Jim Ewing was present until Lauren Burrow was able to attend.

Not present: Heather Munro, Sally Ann Swearingen, Chay Runnels

1. Welcome and Introductions
   Dr. Abbott welcomed the group and each member introduced themselves.

2. Setting Agenda for the 2016-2017 academic year
   - Establishing Committees
     o Perkins Supplemental Travel Fund subcommittee: Heather Munro, George Wiley, Jay Thornton, Sally Ann Swearingen, Laura Burrow. Chair of this committee will be determined later.
     o Student Supplemental Travel Fund subcommittee: Daniel McCleary, Ken Austin, Deborah Buswell (Chair), Chay Runnels, Claudia Whitley. Perkins supplemental travel funds will be $30,000. Student supplemental travel funds will be $14,850 and $5,000 from the deans discretionary funds for a total of $19,850.
   - Envision 2.09 PCOE
     o Dr. Abbott encouraged council members to read the Envision 2.0 PCOE (Strategic Plan) before the next meeting.
   - Change Name of College
     o Dr. Abbott lead a discussion regarding the investigation of entertaining possible names for the college. Dr. Abbott asked council members to speak with their colleagues before the next meeting about this topic and report on their findings.
   - PCOE policies/practices
     o The PCOE needs to transition their PCOE tenure, promotion and merit policies to align with the respective university policies that were recently approved. Dr. Abbott suggested that council members pair up and review the current PCOE policies. Dr. Abbott will send out a Qualtrics survey to sign up.
     o Unit heads should also look at aligning their tenure, promotion and merit policies with the university policies.

3. Perkins Supplemental Travel Funds and Student Supplemental Travel Grants
   - The respective committees will start working on submissions.

4. Other Items
   Dr. Abbott discussed the legislative exceptional item—an early childhood project/STEM initiative.