

Arts and Sciences Chairs' Council
Monday, March 6, 2023
1-2:30 p.m.
Old Main Colloquium

MINUTES

Present: Bruce Mattingly, Vincent DeTuri, Jeremiah Donovan (for Martine Barnaby), Tricia Conklin, Gregory Phelan, Paul van der Veur, Benjamin Wilson, Andrea Harbin, Chris Badurek, Gayle Gleason, Kevin Sheets, Alexander Balas, David Dickerson, Tim Gerhard (for Hongli Fan), Deena Conley, Andrew Fitz-Gibbon, Doug Armstead, Mary McGuire, Craig Foster, Sharon Steadman

Administrative Update

- Emails regarding Honors Convocation and Commencement participation, please encourage faculty to attend
- Andy FG will present during Presidents List
- Registrar's office recommending reinstate faculty to request alternate seating for final exam
 - This will allow faculty to allow students to spread out
 - Currently, there is drop in requests for alternate times
 - This would be the lowest priority for requests
 - This will be reinstated
- Search updates
 - POL hired Latin America specialist
 - PSY hired Child Psychology
 - GLY campus invitations
 - ENG hired Global Language
 - PERF campus interviews
 - COM reviewing candidates
 - SOC/ANT hired Anthropologist
 - MAT hired Statistician
 - ECO hired two faculty members
 - ART hired full time lecturer (conversion from FT)

Associate Dean's Report

- Great Expectations conference on May 23 – call for presentations
- Starfish Progress Survey closes today at 11 pm – please submit something for your students
- Course modality is being removed from titles; there will no longer be an indication in the title if a course was WEB or HYBRID
- The GE numbering system is disappearing, moving forward we will be using the names of the category

Old Business

Blackboard to Brightspace LMS transition

- Haley Ruoff has been sending information about this transition
- Essential that every instructor act on this information

- This is the last semester faculty can use BB, the content will remain to allow for the transition to Brightspace
- Q: will the grading in BB be archived, how to resolve INC?

Fall 2023 course scheduling

- Thank you for the work already done, it looks like we will save on temp service from Fall 2022 (by reducing the number of VAP)
- Careful scrutiny immediately after pre-registration
- Comment: very difficult to get new students and transfer students into GE courses – we need more opportunities for first year students and transfer students
 - Deans have met with A&T to try to be proactive on addressing this gap

New Business

Program review

- We have about 20 programs that engage in the process within a 7 year timeframe, expect three academic departments per year
 - 12 out of 18 are currently engaged in program review
- Make whatever progress you can to finish the review
 - Report what you are doing
- What can we do to move this along?
 - The review should involve the whole department not just the chair
 - Q: About a schedule for the cycle – Bruce will share this when it is cleaned up
 - Q: When does the seven year clock start? -- it is every seven years
 - Q: Do the external reviewers need to be here in Spring? -- no, during Fall or Spring

Open Discussion

- Concerns about chatGPT – what are you hearing? Should the administration be doing something?
 - Is this an academic dishonesty issue?
 - If you run the paper through detection software how do you prove this?
 - What do you present?
 - For math Chegg was also a problem
 - Incorporated in class
 - Google transcript will answer questions in Blackboard and Brightspace through the browser
 - Maybe we need to revert to oral examinations
 - What can the administration do?
 - Update the integrity policy
 - Recognize the issue (people are just worried)
 - Open meeting
 - Should EPC take this up?
 - Share ideas of how this impact your teaching
- Suggestions for agenda items – process for portfolio review, standardized platform

Deadlines and Announcements

April 3: Subschool personnel committee recommendations due to dean