

Arts and Sciences Chairs' Council
Monday, October 19, 2020
Virtual Meeting Using Teams

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Present: Bruce Mattingly, Vincent DeTuri, Seth Asumah, Jeremiah Donovan, Patricia Conklin, Gregory Phelan, Paul van der Veur, Flavia Dantas, Andrea Harbin, Wendy Miller, David Barclay, Randi Storch, Alexandru Balas, David Dickerson, Paulo Quaglio, Kevin Halpin, Andrew Fitz-Gibbon, Douglas Armstead, Mary McGuire, Craig Foster, Sharon Steadman.

Administrative Update

- Our numbers surpassed 100; study-in-place for another two weeks
 - Faculty who moved from in-person to online teaching for the SIP have the option to remain online when SIP ends
- Middle States site visit will be Spring 2022
 - Continue assessing SLOs
- Continuing with program reviews
- Budget
 - Faculty and staff searches will be limited
 - PRODiG searches might still happen
 - Update on “travel” funding covers registration fees up to \$300
 - URC has provided student support for conferences in the past; status this year is unclear until a new URC director is appointed

Assistant Dean’s Report

- Update on Scantron – planning to upgrade software for scanner in Psychology, replace the scanner in Bowers

Old Business

Planning for spring 2021

- SUNY Chancellor will likely pick starting time and option for pacing days
- Mix of online and in-person
 - In Fall trying for 40%
 - Provost might open this up for the Spring
 - Student survey and faculty survey will go out soon
 - Provost will try to schedule an open meeting with faculty/staff
 - Discussed options for courses that need to be in-person
 - Discussed student online accommodations
 - Discussed ADA accommodations for laboratory and group work
 - Requests are ramping up
 - Discussed 55-minute rule and 100 person threshold rule

- Discussed drop/add week
- Discussed COVID testing for faculty/staff
- Discussed restrictions on using specialized spaces (studios, labs, rehearsal spaces)
 - Bruce will take this forward
- Discussed students quarantining in local hotels
- Discussed shifting delivery instead of cancelling classes

Anti-racism action plans – brief update

- About 1/3 of departments met the October 1 deadline
 - Bruce forwarded plans sent to him
 - An update will be going to chairs soon from the PCIE
- Bruce's goal is to help support the plans
- Discussed sharing plans

New Business

Budget impact of part-time faculty

- Adjunct courses cut and if below 6 credits they lose health insurance
 - Bruce shared data with Mark and Gary
- Discussed assigning courses to part-time as an alternative to overloads for full-time faculty

Deadlines and Announcements

- October 19: Chair's recommendations on 2021-22 sabbatical leaves due to dean