Council of Chairs Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 8, 2012

245 Patterson Office Tower

9:00 – 10:30am

1. Budget

The group had a robust discussion regarding the President’s budget forum held on Monday, November 5. The president has reduced the cuts to a number that we can handle with minimal disruption to the College. The Dean was told not to reduce A&S Advising and there should be no significant reduction in Graduate students. The group discussed a college re-organization plan and the pros and cons of centralization of services.

1. E-learning

Vince Kellen is the new Chief Information Officer for the University. The group discussed the new pressure and incentives to do more online education. The Dean would like departments to explore hybrid classes and online masters programs or classes.

1. Graduate education

Betty is chairing a committee and the report is coming soon.

1. UG committee

Ted is chairing the undergraduate committee and will distribute the report. One key item Ted noted the groups’ focus on increasing the teaching load and changing the DOE for faculty who might be interested.

1. Department Honors programs

The Dean discussed the confusion between UK Honors Program and departmental ‘H’ classes or honors classes. H-courses we get the SCH credit but HON is a distinct program for the University and we do not get the SCH credit. The Dean suggests another name for this group: perhaps 21st Century Scholars, or maybe just Scholars. There was discussion on naming these programs at the College and Departmental levels. This will be discussed further with the EPC.