Council of Chairs Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 18, 2013

245 Patterson Office Tower

9:00 – 10:30am

1. Summer-school Website and Enrollment update (Jennifer Allen)

Jennifer Allen showed the group the new website and demonstrated the ease with which students can find classes.

1. Personnel updates
   1. Department Manager Lead position: We are interviewing for this position soon and hope to fill it by the beginning of May
   2. Budget Officer position: We will be failing one of the four positions and re-post the search.
   3. Christian Ecker: Christian, Director of the Hive, has given his notice of resignation. We tried to persuade him not to leave but he stated it is time to try something new. He was with Arts and Sciences for 15 years. The Dean would like to explore hiring a new faculty member to run this group but in the meantime, Scott Bradley will fill in as acting co-director with Jennifer Allen.
2. Provost Search

The Dean requested that everyone participate in the open forums.

1. Raise process

The Dean will have conversations with each chairperson to discuss raises for 2013-2014.

1. Undergraduate Issues (Anna)
   1. Honor’s 4-yr Plan and Pathways to Honors Experience
   2. University Scholars Program
   3. TCE Process for A&S Departments
2. Report to Dean’s Council on Graduate Support
3. Budget process and questions moving forward
   1. Short term: Faculty hiring for next year
   2. Longer term: Grad support and Faculty composition
4. China trip update

The Dean gave an update on his 14-day trip to China. While there, he visited three universities in different regions: Jilin University, Shanghai University and Shantou University. The goal of the trip was to meet and set up dual degree programs with the universities. He would like our faculty to visit these schools and their faculty to visit the University of Kentucky. Each university was very interested in our University Scholars programs. Ideally, students will come here and take a mixture of undergraduate and graduate classes. We would like for them to leave with a master’s degree.

1. Announcements
   1. Distinguished faculty lecture will be in WT Young Library Auditorium at 7:00 on Thursday, April 18.
   2. Frank X Walker event will be held at the Lyric Theater at 6:00 on Wednesday, April 24.
   3. End of semester party will be held at Dean Kornbluh’s house at 7:00 on Saturday, April 27.