Arts and Sciences Council of Chairs

Thursday, February 26, 2015

9:00 – 10:00 am

245 Patterson Office Tower

1. Dean’s Updates

The dean mentioned the appointment of the new Provost, Dr. Tim Tracy. He continued on to say that nothing has yet been communicated about the budget model. The college is trying to plan ahead for the next few years and can only make assumptions at this point.

1. Advising Retreat

Assistant Dean Kirsten Turner indicated that the University is hosting another advising retreat on Monday, March 2 as a follow up to the one held in January. She explained that faculty advisors are welcome to join the meeting but they are not expected to attend for the half day retreat. There will likely to be another opportunity for faculty advisors to weigh in on the conversations in the near future.

1. Committee Report on Interdisciplinary Graduate Education

Associate Dean Ted Schatzki discussed the document shared with the group. He explained that the committee’s main focus was on Humanities and Social Sciences however, they are happy to discuss the sciences further if requested. There were 5 suggested areas to focus on and a smaller, more specialized committee will be formed to investigate the value of each further.

1. Salary Raise Pool

In preparation for a potential university salary raise, a draft of the salary raise policies for staff and faculty were discussed and approved.