

## Arts and Sciences Executive Committee Meeting - Minutes

Zoom

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Attendance: Brian Rymond, Carrie Oser, Chris Pool, Michelle Sizemore, Peter Perry, Mark Meier, Christian Brady, Anna Bosch, Betty Lorch,

Excused: Ruth Beattie, Christia Brown, Carol Mason, Sarah Lyon

### Minutes from January 25, 2022 meeting

- Minutes from the January 25, 2022 Executive Committee meeting were accepted as submitted.

### Minutes from the February 22, 2022 meeting

- Minutes from the February 22, 2022 Executive Committee meeting were accepted as submitted.

### Dean's Comments

- Dean Brady reported that the college's Net Tuition Revenue (NTR) is down significantly from the previous year. This is reflective of decreased enrollment for this academic year. The good news is that Fall 2022 enrollment is projected to be 5400+. The dean and the associate deans are working with Jennifer Bradshaw to develop a business proposal to grow out of our budget deficit by targeting potential areas of growth within the college to be presented to the Provost and EVPFA. Strategies under consideration include exploring expansion of the college's online education opportunities i.e., better marketing of existing online courses and programs, explore new offerings for example some of the larger psychology classes, etc.; the STEM chairs have developed a proposal which is heavy on research but will initially have to focus on teaching to generate NTR; possible BS in statistics.
- Dean Brady stated that the college has been working diligently to retain faculty. We have depleted our available fighting funds and are now utilizing non-raise type of incentives to create retention offers.
- There is news that there will be significant funding coming to the state universities from the state budget. It is likely that these monies will be directed to provide support for construction/renovation and will help the college with completion of the Chemistry-Physics Building project.
- The provost is scheduled to meet with the college faculty on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the Gattton Student Center, Worsham Theatre. The college-wide all faculty meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.

### Selection of Faculty Awards for Graduate Mentoring, Undergraduate Research Mentoring, and Distinguished Service or Engagement

- The Executive Committee is charged with the selection of the College of Arts & Sciences faculty awards in the following categories: Outstanding Graduate Student Mentoring, Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentoring, and Distinguished Service or Engagement. The committee discussed and ranked the nominees in each category and determined the recipients of each award.

### Search Updates

- Carrie Oser provided an update on the dean's search. The semi-finalists (10 – 12 individuals) are meeting via Zoom with the search committee and the provost. The finalists (likely 3 – 4 individuals) will be invited for a campus visit. They will meet first with the committee and then the provost. A&S chairs, program directors, faculty, and staff will be given the opportunity to meet with the finalists. The finalists

will not be known until 24-hours prior to their individual campus visit for confidentiality purposes. Once a candidate is selected negotiations will take place between the candidate and the provosts office.

- Carrie stated that the provost search is running concurrently with the A&S dean's search. It is her understanding that the new A&S dean will have the opportunity to meet with the new incoming provost prior to solidifying their onboarding package.

#### Upcoming Dates

- Distinguished Professor Lecture w/Patricia Ehrkamp – Thursday, April 21, 7:00-8:00 p.m., Thomas H. Morgan Bldg., Rm. 116 (hybrid format, Zoom option available)
- A&S Faculty Meeting w/Acting Provost DiPaola – Wednesday, April 27, 3:00-4:00 p.m., Gatton Student Center, Worsham Cinema
- A&S All Faculty Meeting – Thursday, April 28, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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