

Council of Chairs  
Jan. 17, 2017

Present: Amelia Harris, Amy Clark, Tom Costa, Jeff Cantrell, Sandy Huguenin, Robin Benke, Narda Porter, Beth Boyd, Bryan Hoyt, Jacob Somervell, Frank Frey, John Mark Adrian, Margie Tucker, Cathie Collins, Michael McNulty

Mr. Huguenin said he and Chancellor Henry will meet with David Matlock this afternoon to discuss offering classes at the Higher Education Center in Abingdon. It was noted that enrollment would be increased if UVa-Wise could offer survey courses.

Beth Boyd, the recently-hired director of Alumni Relations, spoke about new initiatives. She plans to increase engagement with current students as well as improve relationships with alumni; she invited suggestions from the faculty. Beth outlined three areas of focus for her office:

- Alumni engagement and outreach in Northern Virginia, Roanoke-Hampton Roads, and Southwest Virginia;
- More frequent engagement with students from freshman year through graduation; and
- Partner marketing to increase revenue to fund programming.

Margie Tucker mentioned a partnership with Tennessee Eastman, facilitated by Don Sharitt, that pairs an employee with one of our students in a shadowing program. She also suggested that Beth contact Margie Tomann, director of the Healthy Appalachia Institute, for a list of our alumni who are employed as physicians, pharmacists and veterinarians.

Mr. Huguenin said Summer College registration will begin soon, and to encourage early enrollment he will provide beach towels to students who register by a certain date. He will send an email with details to the student listserv soon.

Ms. Harris said the Summer College core courses are almost complete, and departments need to turn in their remaining courses to her tomorrow (core as well as the one extra course per department). Complete schedules including instructors and class times are due next Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Narda Porter discussed academic calendar planning and distributed a set of guidelines approved by Senior Staff in 2013. Some concerns have been expressed about Spring Break coming so early, and classes starting early in January. Ms. Porter said that Spring Break does not always have to fall after the seventh week of classes. Jacob Somervell offered to draft a calendar for the next 10 years with a reasonable starting date and semester breaks. There was some discussion about seven-week courses, and changing PED courses from .5 credit to 1 credit. If the 2017-2018 calendar is changed several groups could be affected such as athletics, orientation, housing, and faculty who are planning study abroad trips. A J-term was also discussed as a possibility.

The topic of students withdrawing multiple times was discussed, and Ms. Harris asked the Chairs to solicit input from the faculty on limiting the number of withdrawals over a college career. Multiple withdrawals can delay a student's graduation. If a class is dropped up through the last day to add it does not count as a withdrawal.

Ms. Porter said she received an unfavorable report from SCHEV regarding our acceptance of advanced placement credits. The College will need to provide justification for why a score of 3 is not accepted for more courses.