

Council of Chairs  
Oct. 3, 2017

Present: Ron Florida, Tom Costa, James Vance, Amy Clark, Margie Tucker, Robin Benke, Frank Frey, Jeff Cantrell, Andy Cox, Michael McNulty, John Mark Adrian, Jim Wardell, Amelia Harris, Sandy Huguenin

Absent: Cathie Collins

Amelia Harris made several announcements.

- Research Day, Nov. 17, at 1 p.m. in Science 122 will feature students who completed research this past summer. Faculty may cancel classes if they wish, and students who miss class to attend presentation will be excused.
- Another Research Day will be scheduled in February with an Appalachian theme.
- An all-day Research day will be held Apr. 20 and include presentations by faculty as well as students.
- NCUR is now accepting submissions for their spring conference to be held at the University of Central Oklahoma April 4-7, 2018. Ms. Harris will send out the link to submit abstracts. The College will pay for up to 20 students to attend.
- The Council on Undergraduate Research will host “Posters on the Hill” in Washington, D.C. next spring. The date will be set when the congressional calendar is in place. Applications will be accepted through Nov. 1.

Mr. Huguenin said that SCHEV is reviewing degrees that may be marketed differently than the titles. The ACS (computer science) and NASM (music) accreditations are nearing completion. Program review will be due next year for Management Information Systems and Language and Literature.

Andy Cox and James Wardell discussed their research on a graduate program in education. A needs assessment survey showed there is support in Southwest Virginia for a master’s in teaching, and state funding is available to pay tuition for graduate classes. This degree would be a five-year program; students would earn both the bachelor’s and the master’s at the end of five years. A separate bachelor’s degree would not be received after the fourth year. Teachers and others with a bachelor’s degree could take the necessary classes to earn their master’s. The program would have three tracks: curriculum and instruction, special education, and library media. A current Virginia teacher license would be required for the library media concentration. Mr. Huguenin said this proposal makes sense. It serves our region, there is a market for it, and it would not require a new building. He asked how many faculty positions would be needed; Mr. Cox replied one faculty member for each of three concentrations, and an administrative assistant.