

**Dean's Council Minutes**  
**Mar. 17, 2021**

Chairing: Ryan Hinrichs

In attendance: Sandra Jamieson, Jason Jordan, Caitlin Killian, Roger Knowles, Marie-Pascale Pieretti

Guests: Maria Masucci

1. **Minutes** from 03-10-21 were approved with minor revision
2. **Dean's reports:** introduced the Opportunity Meets Innovation Challenge Grants, with an application date at the end of March. Dean's Council discussed a number of ideas including an expanded bridge program, embedded Fellows/tutors, faculty development, resources, and other related issues. Ryan will share more next week.
3. **Issues and committee updates from DC members:** Related to the discussion of the specific needs of incoming and returning students, there was a pitch for smaller DSEMs (and leadership from the Dean's Office in establishing priorities in spite of the reduced faculty size). Faculty have expressed concern about the cyber-security proposal, which lists courses that are already full to capacity; other concerns were about the need to support existing programs, especially those heavily dependent on one or two faculty members; questions about data, how well we evaluate promises made about what will attract new students, and ongoing assessment of interest and the program.  
DVT-2 meeting. Faculty have raised continued concerns about students not following safety procedures, especially in the forum. Covid numbers are up in Morris county and at Drew. We are still in the yellow zone because the cases have been clusters; however, The Status of Campus Ops During Covid Committee is monitoring testing to determine whether we may need to shift to orange.
4. Deans' Council reviewed the Appointed Committee Assignments document and identified faculty for the remaining slots on appointed committees. Maria will update the list including election results for further discussion next week.
5. DC reviewed a draft version of the Departmental and Programmatic Budget guidelines to be used by BDO. Should there be guidelines (eg: \$150 is the payment for speakers unless you ask for additional funds, etc)? There is a list of what should not be included, but departments should create the budget they need bearing in mind that there are other things we want to fund (such as TIAA contributions). There was a question about where to include support for students attending conferences followed by a discussion of what monies should be centralized versus in department budgets. Jessica will attend DC next week to discuss this.
6. Forums
  - a. Cyber security
  - b. Theatre
  - c. Email from Jessica re Presidential committee