

**Dean's Council Minutes**  
**Nov. 11, 2020**

**Chairing: Ryan Hinrichs**

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

**Guests: Maria Masucci for discussion of committee**

**Link to A&S Faculty Handbook Master Document**

**Dean's updates:** Students are requesting on-campus housing; Landmark will have a shortened season, so a few more students may sign up to be on campus. We are allowing students to choose singles or to have a roommate. Roughly 20% of the classes are in-person only. DVT lessons learned from SLACs suggest that isolation is the worst part.

**Concerns about Ladder-** BS degrees do not show up in Ladder for anyone who wishes to declare a major. They must contact the department chair to be added!

1. The minutes of the 11-04-20 meeting were approved
2. Sabbatical applications update
  - a. Sabbaticals folder (see the eligibility document)
  - b. The Deans pre-viewed the applications and DC discussed several of the complexities that might result and the value of having a policy to clarify the relationship between appointed positions and sabbaticals.
3. Elected committee elections
  - a. Faculty Survey Initial slate of candidates from Div I and II were discussed.
  - b. Committee Slate 2021-2022 working version
4. Dean's Council discussed the draft description of the Pan-African Studies position.
5. Discussion about line requests - we are in essence in a hiring freeze, but there are a few searches underway. Chemistry and MCOM were reauthorized in the summer; accounting (a failed search last year) and Data Analytics (an August resignation) are both underway. PanAf is about to run.
6. Discussion about NTT to TT line conversions - we have been authorized to begin the process of converting a few lines from NTT to TT and to develop a process and criteria for the process.
7. Faculty Handbook revisions - tabled. It is not reasonable to expect to have anything for the December faculty meeting. Maybe we can dedicate a few hours in January or after classes end in December and just finish it?