

Dean's Council Minutes
November 14, 2018

1. Approval of minutes from last week.

2. Dean's Updates

Discussion of the role of Dean's Council. Advisory versus decision-making body. Ways of balancing representation of divisions and university-wide planning.

Discussion of budget cuts. Process for planning budget cuts for departments. Distinction between essential line items and others.

Solicit ideas about budget savings: e.g. sharing parties for Honors societies. Have this as a first stage, stating that the more of these savings we can work out, the fewer budget cuts we will need. Then ask departments to put forward budget cuts (c. 20%) in order to have a conversation about the best way to assess budget needs across the departments.

Development of LAUNCH curriculum. Cannot have a full vote on curriculum in December. But will need to talk about a full draft, to assess the various different proposals, and amendments. Mechanism sought to move segmented discussions to a broader forum for revision/amendment before full-faculty vote.

3. Documents in this week's folder for the following curricular items - (Ryan)

--Dual Degree: 3+2, 3+3 Drew-Washington University Engineering

--Revisions to Physics major - B.A. and B.S. - Potential question: Resource implications would be resolved by 3-3 teaching load

--MS of Data Analytics-

These documents are going to CAPC this week and then will go to Divisions and then to the December faculty meeting.

4. Clarification of items for November Division meetings and December faculty meeting.

NOTE: Additional background provided in the Committee Assignments Folder - list of faculty who did not complete the Survey and list of new faculty who should be considered for service.