

Minutes - Dean's Council
April 4, 2018

1. Dean's Updates and Approval of Minutes

Faculty searches: Searches coming to conclusion. All searches have been successful except for MFin; still waiting to hear on MCOM search, but an offer has been made. Only outstanding searches are new one-year positions.

Staff searches: On-going search for Graduate Admissions; Director of Diversity and Inclusion candidates visiting next week - job talks for this position will include sample training sessions; finalizing job description for Associate Provost for new Center.

Moving forward with document on governance. Ad-hoc body is functioning now that is looking at multiple issues related to growth of the college; will be important to have elected faculty members added to that committee who can work with space needs (perhaps leading ultimately to the reconstitution of the space committee). Discussion of particular needs for new interdisciplinary hires.

CRUE: possibility of additional inter-divisional meeting for next week to allow for people who may not have made it to Division meetings to be able to provide feedback and have a conversation with CRUE members.

Discussion of hiring of new administrator to direct the new Center, and the pros and cons of a director-level v. higher-level administrative position, in terms of goals and responsibilities of the position. There will be a finance presentation by the President at the next Faculty Meeting.

Discussion of email privacy policy. Will ask Chris Darrell about official policy.

CRUE meeting to revise plan to address concerns and changes. Will return to the faculty for further discussion.

2. Minutes

Approval and Posting (Folder set up for "Minutes - Final to Post"). All past minutes were approved and posted to a folder for dissemination to the faculty.

3. Academic Policy Changes: Transfer Credit Policy (see document in folder)

4. Analysis of B.S. degrees (Ryan - see document in folder)

Applicants express interest in BS programs. Desire to keep the BA option. Would not change gen ed requirements. Departments could choose whether to offer BS degrees.

Often difference between the two are very minor. Occasionally would need to have more robust mathematics/physics requirements. What numbers are we talking about?

Update about program development plan for CLA (Ryan)

Has received several ideas and pulled data from tables that were shared from the faculty, especially re. peer and aspirant programs. Likely to break them into 3 categories: minimal resource implications, minor resource implications, bigger resource implications (needing longer term conversations and planning. Ryan will share document when it is prepared.

5. Moving forward on load conversation

Discussion of teaching load and possible ways of understanding and defining workload, in light of what we need and in light of how other colleges and universities define their needs, teaching loads, and workloads. Used recommendations coming from Div 4 about ways to think about teaching load and workload as a basis for the discussion. Discussion noted the difference between next two years, and longer term approach. Many of the models emphasized research. Agreed to have an additional meeting on Friday 13th April dedicated to the two year workload discussion.

6. Open slots for appointed committees

(each Division rep should check their suggestions with Maria - see the Committee Assignment Sheet - *this needs to be moved to agenda for 4-11). Discussed need to do a special election to add Caitlin Killian as a sabbatical replacement for Jennifer Olmsted as the division 2 rep for Dean's Council, and to add faculty to the ad-hoc committee looking at the expansion of the college.

Next week:

Consideration of Dean's List Policy Change statement approved by CAPC

Finalize Committee assignments