

Chairs Meeting  
August 24, 2011

Present: C. Allan, J. Berry-Bravo, T. Flood, R. Jones, M. Kelley, K. Kunkel, C. Lambert, C. Patterson, M. Pomatto, E. Ramage, R. Shand, D. Smith, K. Siam, D. Whitbeck, R. Womble

**Update on Provost Leadership Council Meeting** -- Discussions are taking place at the state level on 1) the governor's interest in pursuing national rankings for programs and universities and 2) belief at the legislative level that there is room for tuition to grow. The opinion of PSU upper administration is if there is any increased funding it will be for specifically targeted programs. Currently a committee from A/S (Winters, Triplett, Schiefelbein) is in the early stages of a proposal to create a major in Public Health, which might be the type of program to garner funding down the road. Board of Regents will meet on campus mid September. There will be opportunities to meet with the Board and detailed information will be provided.

Provost is concerned with the mentoring program. She has asked the deans to serve on a task force to determine what the mentoring program should look like. He asked chairs for feedback on the mentoring program. Feedback should be emailed to the Dean who will take concerns/ideas to the task force.

**Off Agenda** -- Dean plans to use the bulletin board outside the College office to display individual chair and program coordinator photos along with their contact information. Marsha is arranging a time for a photo session with Malcolm Turner and will send information.

**Discussion of Credit for IB Courses** -- PSU is exploring the possibility of allowing credit hours for IB courses. Dr. Ivy says several high schools in Kansas and Gorilla Advantage areas have International Baccalaureate programs. Students who enroll in the programs obtain transfer credit from some universities. Dean asked if any departments were interested. He said if the IB courses were a comparable experience as far as rigor and quality it would make sense to help students get through school, but that the College would not have a blanket policy. Departments will decide individually. Several questions and concerns were raised during discussion. Dean will invite Dr. Ivy to attend chairs meeting to provide additional information.

**Discussion of Active Directory and VPN** -- Dean wants to make access to Active Directory and Virtual Private Network available to A/S personnel who want it. The Active Directory (P-drive) allows secure file storage and, if desired, file sharing. Being on the Active Drive can also provide updates and patches automatically (pushed out from OIS Tuesday nights). VPN allows a computer that is off campus to function as if it were on the campus network. Dean asked chairs to send a list of who in their depts want access. The procedure to give access is somewhat time intensive and dean wants techs to be able to approach it systematically dept by dept.

Angela Neria, CIO, will attend next week's chairs meeting to present an update on OIS and can answer any additional questions about VPN, Active Drive, privacy issues, etc.

**Discussion of Collaborative Courses** -- Dean asked if any departments had opinions to share regarding the Emporia/Ft. Hays/PSU collaborative courses project. Drs. Allan, Berry-Bravo, Flood, and Patterson had been involved to some extent with the project and shared their experiences. Dean asked chairs to let him know if any depts are interested in continuing to pursue the project.

**Discussion of Dean's Vision and Initiatives Document** – Due to time constraints, the discussion of the dean's vision and initiatives document was postponed until next week's meeting. He said he is taking a shortened version of the draft document to dept meetings to share with and get input from faculty.