

Chair's Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2019

Present: C. Geifer, V. Rider, T. Flood, C. Allen, B. Bonneken, S. Marchant, J. Oliver, M. Pomatto, N. Grantham

Last regular Pitt Cares session is tomorrow. One additional session for transfer students will be held the Friday before classes begin (8/16). The leadership team discussed their experience advising with Pitt Pathways and the challenges encountered throughout the CARES sessions this summer.

Chair reconfiguration for summer begins on Monday with the Alliance chairs assuming their roles. Some discussion of campus visits, department tours, advising, and how these tasks could/would be handled by the alliance chair in the absence of the department's chair followed.

Status of Pathways courses, enrollments, and need for additional sections discussed. So far, generally speaking, no additional sections have been requested, though additional seats in particular classes have been. Currently, there are vacant seats in Pathway classes within all programs, though seats may not always be in the class that the student prefers to take. However, Communications did announce that they will be adding a section of Speech because all current sections are filled.

Strategic Visioning Update: Rpk was on campus last week and held various meetings with different University groups. Dr. Pomatto asked for the group's reactions/impressions of those sessions. Members of the leadership team expressed interest in seeing the raw data. They found that the analysis seemed positive for CAS, reflecting the positive impact of the college's heavy service course load. The need to include qualitative data (in addition to quantitative data) in the decision-making process was discussed; the leadership team agreed that they would like to see a mechanism to bring qualitative considerations into the model. Examples of qualitative data the team would like to see measured include the impact of programs that have a strong community base, help form the role of PSU in the community, and/or push the University out into the community.

Announcements:

There will be no chair's meeting next week, 7/2.

Dr. Howard Smith will take over as Provost on Monday, 7/1. PCL meetings will be scheduled for Monday afternoons for remainder of the summer.