

## Chair's Meeting

March 6, 2019

Present: J. Oliver, B. Bonneken, T. Flood, V. Ryder, B. Conrad, B. Winters, C. Costello, D. Whitbeck, S. Marchant, C. Patterson, C. Allen, C. Geifer, M. Pomatto, N. Grantham, P. Wellborn

Dr. Pomatto reminded chairs to encourage faculty and staff to sign up for Canvas Community for Strategic Revisioning if they have not done so. So far, the community has had an excess of 80 ideas posted. Rpk will collect and organize ideas for presentation at next Tuesday's meeting. At that time, representatives of faculty, staff, students, and administrators will be divided into groups to prioritize ideas. CAS is well-represented with several faculty participating in this meeting.

Funds may be available for replacing older, out-dated faculty computers at the end of the year. Proposal is tentative at this point and no specifics yet.

The purchase of Yates Hall furniture is moving forward. If there are other projects that departments wish to have considered for year-end funding, please submit requests soon.

Registrars and Student Success have offered to set up meetings with departments to help them transition to Pittstate Pathway advising. They will also work with departments to set up advising guides for programs that incorporate the new Pathway courses. Though intended for incoming freshman, the transition to Pathway is anticipated to impact current students who change majors or who decide to transition from the Gen Ed route to Pathway. Advisors will need to be aware of the change in the curriculum and have access to Pathway guidelines.

Reminder to chairs to submit teaching loads and spring break plans to the Dean's Office.

Salary adjustment requests have been submitted. Explanation of the model used to determine salary adjustment requests for the coming year was provided. The model incorporates data that considers salary in respect to others in field, both on campus and outside of area. Recommendations of chairs are integrated into the model when the requests are sent forward. This year, eighteen priorities were sent forward.

### Department news:

Art: Visiting artist will present a talk in the Gallery tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. Westside third graders were in the Gallery and Music departments for tours.

Biology: Science Day rescheduled to 4/11 due to weather. Chemistry donated many dozen donuts to the hungry due to cancellation.

FCS: Thirteen students and two faculty will be leaving today for a conference in Wichita where students will present. They will attend a conference in Osage Beach, MO, with 1,400 high school students as a recruitment opportunity.

Communications: A representative of the theatre program has been invited to participate at a college information day at Columbus High School. Participation is by invitation only and is based on student interest.