

Chair's Meeting
April 17, 2019

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

Dr. Pomatto began the meeting with chair/department updates:

Biology: Science Day (4/11) went well. Schools came from further distances this year.

Math: Math Relays were successful!

Music: The Music Dept. has "made it through" the three major festivals that they host; all were successful. Dedication of the Bicknell rehearsal hall is upcoming.

HPSS: Hired their second Justice Studies assistant professor so now both JS positions have been filled, giving the program two full time faculty and three faculty who teach in JS in addition to their own programs, as well as several adjuncts who contribute their expertise to the program's applied courses.

Military Science: Military Science is busy with field training and lab qualifying. The course for this year's Gorilla Dash has been upgraded with obstacles built by Construction students and is now behind the SRC. This year, MS upped the event's image by advertising on social media which seems to have paid off because there are three times as many participants registered when compared to last year. The Commissioning Ceremony will be on 5/10.

Art: KAEA (art education student organization) is sponsoring a painted egg silent auction located on the second floor of Porter which is selling thirty hand painted eggs. They are also hosting a BYOE (bring your own eggs) egg decorating event for kids to color eggs. Art students have also partnered with Lakeside Elementary fifth graders to paint dog houses; twenty-two dog house will be auctioned on the 26th during Art Walk. Senior graduates are exhibiting their art in Harry Krug Gallery. Lectures will be 4/26 at 4:00.

FCS: FCS is bringing two candidates to campus to interview for the Nutrition position in the next few weeks.

Nursing: Nursing has extended the application deadline for applying to the program till 5/10. Currently, 86 students have committed, and 90 letters sent out.

Chemistry/Physics: Santi is hosting representatives from an international company from Finland/Singapore interested in nanosensors that will detect "gunk" in the ballast of ships. Bobby Winters will be leaving next Friday on a recruiting trip to Paraguay.

EML: English Day hosted 40 students this year.

Communication: Alpha Sigma Omega sponsored the second Lip Sync Battles held in the basement of the OSC. Technical theatre faculty will be attending and "invitation only" career

day at Columbus High School. *House of Blue Leaves* opens next Thursday and runs through Sunday.

Dean's Announcements:

Summer contracts have been released.

Yates Hall furniture has been ordered.

The College of Arts & Sciences annual meeting with the Provost and President is tomorrow. Chairs meet at 2:30-3:30 in Kansas I; faculty meet at 3:30 in Governor's room. Please encourage faculty to attend for good representation/turnout.

Rpk will be on campus next week. During their time, they will provide sessions for each college and open forums for the campus. Try to attend and encourage department to attend.

Administrative Support luncheon will be Apr. 22.

Dedication of the Bicknell rehearsal hall will be next Wednesday, 4/24.

Dr. Olson's retirement reception will be Friday, April 26th.

Faculty Excellence Awards Committee will meet tomorrow at 8:00 a.m.

Qualitative Initiative Update: Steering team met Monday and is working on narrowing and articulating the focus of the project. Currently, the project is in discussion/exploration of possible approaches/ideas. So far, ideas are centering on providing support for students, either in-person, online, or online real-time, for selected Pathway courses.

Dr. Pomatto opened a discussion on ways to increase summer enrollments and how departments market their summer courses. One suggestion was linking summer enrollment to spring pre-enrollment instead of fall's; since students seem to be talking about summer classes when they enroll for spring.

The Social Work Program is exploring partnering with K.U. to offer foundation courses on this campus for a Masters in Social Work that would be granted by K.U. Currently, they are working with K.U. on writing a three-year proposal.

Distance Education credit hour report shows a growth in distance learning classes.

Dr. Pomatto reported that the committee has been working on a draft copy of a proposal that recognizes the value and acknowledges contributions of TM/FTT faculty and proposes a mechanism for awarding compensation (raise/promotion) that is in early stages. She asked for feedback from the chairs. A discussion of the need and challenges followed.

Faculty computer request for 37 replacement computers has been approved. For computers that are not on the replacement list (including classroom computers), consider contacting the techs to replace drives with solid state drives which will speed up computer response time and extend life of the computer.