

Chairs Meeting  
February 6, 2019

Present: C. Allan, B. Bonneken, B. Conrad, T. Flood, C. Giefer, S. Marchant, M. Meier, J. Oliver, C. Patterson, M. Pomatto, E. Ramage, V. Rider, D. Whitbeck, B. Winters

Guest: Parker Welborn

Dr. Mary Carol Pomatto called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. She introduced Parker Welborn who has been appointed an administrative graduate assistant in the dean's office. He will be helping with marketing as well as other duties as assigned.

Announcements from Dr. Pomatto: An exploratory meeting has been held to consider an English bridge program for international students who have completed IEP, but whose language skills are not at the level that will assure academic success. The plan in consideration would be to have additional courses between completion of IEP and entry into academic programs.

Part-time dollars are still in development. Allocations will be released to departments shortly.

Quality Initiative for HLC kicks off fall 2019 for a period of two years. Members of the steering team: Sarah Ball, David Oldham, Mary Kay Wachter, Karla Childs, Heather Eckstein, Brenda Frieden and Dr. Pomatto, serving as chair.

Strategic Visioning is moving forward. PLC visited with the visioning team to work out issues such as logistics, data site, mechanisms for input, etc. Information will be disseminated to campus when the process is finalized.

Dr. Pomatto passed around a copy of the KS BOR "History of the Geographic Service Areas." She will have a scan of the document sent and requests feedback by Monday, Feb 11, at the latest.

PSU was approached by NASA to be considered for a Challenger Simulation test site for STEM programs. Drs. Pomatto, Frisbee, and Truelove had a conference call with a representative from the program and while it is a strong, prestigious program the space requirements and financial costs were considered by those involved from PSU to be above PSU's means at this time. The team will report their findings to the provost.

Completion of the Bicknell Rehearsal Space is progressing but there are still issues with drapery and flooring. The projected date when the project was initiated was January, but that has been set back to March at the earliest.

McPherson's large lecture hall is being upgraded with a million dollar donation from a donor—décor, lighting, AV, ADA standards.

A Space Committee, initiated and headed by Doug Ball, will be looking at Hartman and Shirk Halls. Biology has a presence in Hartman Hall already with a classroom and Dr. Neil Snow received a 300k grant to move the herbarium to Hartman.

The search for the Executive Associate position in the dean's office is progressing. Applications from qualified applicants have been received. The Nursing Dept hasn't received any applications for the part-time clerical position they have open.

Chairs/Director provided announcements from their departments.

Chairs/Director only discussion about summer coverage. The alliance model will be in effect for the coming summer with the same schedule. Chairs who are not serving as alliance directors will be off contract three pay periods, June 30 until the beginning of classes in August. Alliances for summer 2019: Art, Communication, EML, Music (Dr. Allan as alliance director); FCS and HPSS (Dr. Bonneken as alliance director); Biology, Chemistry, Math, Physics (Dr. Winters as alliance director).

Deans have been doing research on adjunct pay. The need to increase it is the consensus but there are no funds to do so at the present. The decision is on hold and might be deferred until the next academic year.