

Chairs' Council
February 2, 2010
Rankin Center – Centennial Room
RAN 252
8:30 am – 10:00 am

Agenda

1. Announcements
2. FerrisConnect for blended and online classes – Update on proposed policy -
Robbie Teahen
3. Math Prerequisites – Don Flickinger
4. Items from Floor – Open Discussion

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Math Requisite Changes – D. Flickinger

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Handouts

Charge for Chairs Council

Minutes

Announcements:

Steve Fox, the faculty advisor for the Torch, shared with CAS that the Torch has received national attention for two areas – their website and blog. Quite an accomplishment for a student run paper at a university without a journalism program.

Tom Hollen shared that the Rube Goldberg team DID set a new Guinness Book World Record with 230 steps to their Rube Goldberg machine. The event in Japan will be aired 2/28/10 and he will receive a taped copy of the televised program.

Reinhold Hill provided a copy of the proposed Charge for Chairs Council and invited council members to forward any suggested changes/corrections to him before the next Chairs Council meeting on February 16.

FerrisConnect for Blended and Online Classes

Robbie Teahen was not available to share the proposed policy. We will discuss when policy is available for review.

Math Prerequisites

Don Flickinger shared that currently different programs have different prerequisite requirements for math courses. It is strongly felt that if students are to succeed in a second math course a grade of D or less is simply not adequate preparation. We are planning to adopt a standard policy that a grade of C- or better is required in all math courses taken as a prerequisite to a subsequent math course. If a program requires only one math course, that program can set their required grade requirement. Proposal is that this be effective Fall, 2011. Chairs Council members were asked for comments / concerns. All members present agreed this change would be supported.

Items from the Floor – Open Discussion

Budget issues were the main concern of council members with the following comments/concerns expressed:

- Although cuts are being widely discussed it's important equal stress should be placed on revenue with increased efforts and methods for recruitment and admissions. We must maintain our current size. Strongly market the programs we excel in.
- If we are to keep programs viable we may need to move funding from some and give to others to keep a balance.
- Budget discussions being handled very differently across campus with some colleges inviting college member participation and others discouraging it.
- We should find ways for meaningfully reward innovations and be able to adapt and adopt new teaching innovations. We must be able to move quickly to implement accepted changes.
- We are hopeful the FFA contract renewal agreement can be reached before spring semester concludes demonstrating our commitment to provide quality instruction come fall.
- Don will ask Provost to attend future Chairs Council meeting for update.

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am

Minutes submitted by: Gayle Driggers

Charge for Chairs Council

The Academic Affairs Chairs' Council will promote inter-college collaboration in the Division of Academic Affairs; provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and best practices for departments in the Division of Academic Affairs; and discuss implementation of policies approved by the Deans' Council and Division of Academic Affairs that impact departmental processes and procedures and that effect academic instruction.