Council of Chairs Feb. 19, 2013

Present: Tom Costa, Jacob Somervell (for Alex Edwards), Bryan Hoyt, David Kendall, Angie Lemke, Suzanne Adams-Ramsey, Jewell Worley, Rachel Tighe, Tabitha Smith, Robin Benke, Sandy Huguenin, Galen Sedo (for Margie Tucker), Amelia Harris Rachel Rose, Cathie Collins, Jeff Cantrell

Absent: John Mark Adrian

Jewell Worley and members of the counseling and residence life staff were present to discuss a couple of issues. The Threat Assessment Team (TAT) was mandated on every college campus by the Virginia General Assembly following the shootings at Virginia Tech. The mandate specifies which college officials must be members of the TAT. The members have all received training and some are seeking national certification. They meet every Wednesday at 9 a.m. to discuss any concerns they have been made aware of. Worley distributed a handout detailing behavior changes that should be reported along with contact information. To report a concern after business hours call Wise Dispatch (328-3756) who will contact Campus Police. If it is an emergency call 911.

Angie Lemke discussed two Living and Learning Communities available to students next fall. One house is on campus beside College Relations and the other is near the Townhouses. Six students will be selected to live in each house and will choose an academic-related theme for the house. Lemke asked faculty to encourage students to apply, and to consider working with one of the communities as an advisor.

Huguenin gave out another copy of the Student Key Card/After-Hours Access Agreement that will allow a student access to buildings after regular business hours. The agreement must be signed by the appropriate Department Chair and by the student, and be carried by the student when s/he is in a building after hours.