

Council of Chairs
April 26, 2016

Present: Jacob Somervell, Cathie Collins, Robin Benke, Bryan Hoyt, Amelia Harris, Sandy Huguenin, Tom Costa, Jeff Cantrell, Frank Frey, Margie Tucker, John Mark Adrian

Absent: Rachel Tighe, Michael McNulty

Diane Cornett distributed drafts of each department's section in the Honors Convocation program and asked for corrections by 8:30 a.m. Thursday. Asked about a script book, Diane replied there would be a binder on the lectern with all the remarks.

Mr. Somervell said faculty in his department would like clarification on what exactly is meant by "allowing students to make up missed work" when they miss class for a college-sponsored event. Tom Costa, faculty athletic representative, replied that the absence policy was written to correspond with other legitimate absences such as illness or death in the family. Students have the responsibility to contact their instructors before the absence if possible, and faculty members have the discretion to set their own policies; they may allow a make-up test or extra paper, for example. The student may be asked to provide documentation such as a doctor's note. Athletes are supposed to give their professors their schedule at the beginning of the semester, except for tournament games. Those should be provided as soon as the student is aware of them.

Mr. Huguenin noted that Mike Shell attended the NCUR Conference with UVa-Wise students, and was very surprised to see that other colleges were represented by one or two students. UVa-Wise had 22 students presenting. Mr. Huguenin said we had 32 students display their posters and projects at the SCHEV meeting.