

Council of Chairs
April 29, 2014

Present: Amelia Harris, Sandy Huguenin, Tom Costa, Alex Edwards, Bryan Hoyt, Amy Clark, John Mark Adrian, Margie Tucker, David Kendall, Suzanne Adams-Ramsey, Jeff Cantrell, Cathie Collins

Absent: Robin Benke

Ms. Harris reminded the group to send rubrics to her by the end of the semester.

Diane Cornett spoke about the Honors Convocation.

- All student awards will be combined, senior and underclassmen.
- The event is Friday, May 9, in the Prior Center; reception at 5 p.m. and awards program at 6:30. The program should last about 70 minutes.
- The program booklet is designed as a keepsake for the students and their families. The booklet includes complimentary information about the awards recipients, written by the faculty. This will not be read by the presenters, only the name of the award and the recipient.
- Faculty should take plaques, books and other awards to Pam McKnight before noon on May 9. Checks have been ordered in the case of monetary awards.

Mr. Huguenin said the Summer Bridge program would be held during the second summer session. Provisionally-admitted students will enroll in English and mathematics and must complete both courses with a grade of C or above to be eligible to enroll in the fall. There will no longer be provisionally-admitted students during the regular semester; under-prepared applicants will enroll in the Summer Bridge program.

The Early College Academy will begin this fall. High school students, mostly from Wise County, will enroll in physics, American history, and chemistry taught on campus by UVa-Wise faculty. The classes will be college-level instruction and not count as dual enrollment.

Professor Daniel Ray will teach an elective this summer for a select group of entering freshmen titled "Summer Technology and Creativity Program" or STAC. The course will provide participants an opportunity to exercise their collective and individual creativity using the department's 3-D printer, laser cutter, and physical computing components and equipment.