Council of Chairs

February 23, 2021

Present: Trisha Folds-Bennett, Amelia Harris, Bryan Hoyt, Amy Clark, Ben Mays, John Cull, Robin Woodard, Andy Cox, Scott Bevins, Jacob Somervell, Tom Costa, Nancy Haugen

**Fall Schedule**
Schools, including UVA, are planning for a normal semester in the fall; no social distancing; not assuming online

Will still need a backup plan

Hybrid as a backup? – split the classes (switch days between zoom and in person) to accommodate social distancing

Can faculty opt to do online? We must be very intentional in these decisions.

Should we have faculty be remote ready (figure that out for your class)?

Do you feel your students are ready to come back in person?

 Overall yes

Is it safe for our students if we go to capacity, particularly the large classes? We can still set some caps and address these on a case by case basis.

We need to stay on top of training and make sure we use the investments and resources we’ve gotten in the pandemic; keep the positives of what we’ve experienced

**Snow days** – must be a blanket policy due to our size

Options:

 Move to virtual instruction rather than completely closed?

 Natural Science labs – adjust lab schedule (cancel, shorten, make up lab if needed to and

if possible)

 Online instruction may continue if professor chooses to do so; be flexible regarding

connectivity issues… add to syllabus as weather policy.

**Emeritus status**

 Comes from the department usually. We don’t really have a policy about emeritus

 We have only allowed emeritus for professor or associate professor status

 No benefits tied to emeritus status – it is just an honor

**FY21 Budget**

 Still essential items only

 Don’t spend down out of fear you will lose money in your budget next year

 Everything has to be approved by the appropriate Vice Chancellor

 Trisha doesn’t believe we will have the money to address our priority 1 requests unless we do

some restructuring

Get staffing plans to Trisha as soon as possible

No Chairs meeting next week. Will meet again on March 9.