**Council of Chairs**

**May 7, 2020**

Present: Amelia Harris, Mark Clark, Trisha Folds-Bennett, Robin Woodard, John Cull, Bryan Hoyt, Jacob Somervell, Amy Clark, Robin Benke, Michael McNulty, Tom Costa, Scott Bevins, Andy Cox, Cathie Collins

1. General Announcements
2. Training for online teaching will take place the week after next
3. Survey to faculty to help us understand what resource we need and what have been most valuable.
4. Training will be pedagogical and tactical.
5. Even if you’re using Zoom, we need to think of pedagogical methods that work well with it and what methods did not work.
6. Explain Everything App
7. College Board Meeting is tomorrow
8. Freshmen Deposits – encouraging numbers
9. We have 22 UVA deferred students
10. 2 above 5 year average
11. A lot of students are waiting to make their decisions until they know what is going to happen in the fall
12. Summer I enrollment
13. Current initiatives are working
14. Keep reaching out and encouraging students
15. Fall Planning
16. The steering committee has met twice.
17. Focused on best path forward for fall
18. Discussing what we need to do in the immediate time to prepare for contingencies
19. We need to plan for being at least some version of online in the fall, with the hopes that we will not have to be
20. We will survey our students to gauge their needs
21. Committee is considering doing a block schedule that would complete the semester by Thanksgiving.
22. Semester might start earlier
23. Semester might have a few weeks that focus on freshmen experience
24. Semester would be two 8 week blocks
25. Advantages
* We wouldn’t have to take all our classes online if we have to switch during the semester
* Could help our students as they focus on fewer classes at a time
* Some courses could still be the full 16 week length
* It could be possible to have additional hours built into the day for students to get support services, meet with professors, etc.
1. Concerns
* Science labs (including staffing)
* VPAR hands-on courses
* Education – student teachers will follow state guidelines
* Heavy content courses
* Skill courses
1. Please send data you have or data you think committee needs to consider. Look at your courses and consider what would work.
2. The Chancellor will release a communication next week. We want to be face to face in the fall and will do everything we can to do so.
3. Alumni Association is paying the $1 fee for graduating seniors to keep their iPads