Council of Chairs

November 5, 2019

Present: Amelia Harris, Amy Clark, Jeff Cantrell (for Andy Cox), Cathie Collins, John Cull, Jacob Somervell, Sandy Huguenin, Robin Benke, Michael McNulty, Bryan Hoyt, Robin Woodard, Scott Bevins, Trisha Folds-Bennett

Not Present: Tom Costa

Trisha Folds-Bennett will be our next provost and will join us on July 1, 2020. She will be here for the first week or so in January and then once a month after that. She will be on campus more in April, May and June. She will be here during the budget meetings in January. Trisha will also be here to work on the Strategic Plan and with the Liberal Arts Core.

Chairs shared their concerns about zero based budgeting and the history of budgets on campus.

Changes in marketing and branding were also discussed. Most feel that changes were necessary and are looking at them as positive opportunities.

Trisha shared that she wants academics to lead the campus. She feels we need to know who we are and what we need to prioritize. We also need to know who our students are and their needs. She wants to go forward with a cohesive voice.

Jacob shared Coding Secrets of Appalachia proposed course. It was decided that the professor needs to talk to John Mark Adrian as it could potentially be an honors course. Amy suggested it could be a great course for the waitlisted UVA cohort. The professor also needs to talk with Amy & Brian for Center for Appalachian Studies.

In the spring, Trisha will likely be on campus on Thursdays so Council of Chairs meetings will be moved to Thursdays.