

Council of Chairs
Feb. 14, 2017

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

Mr. Huguenin announced that travel funds are becoming tight and asked that faculty let him know of any upcoming conferences they would like to attend. Funds may not be available to support a second conference as in the past.

To encourage Summer College enrollment, students who register by March 1 will receive a beach towel. Lower enrollment during summer classes is a national trend.

Ms. Harris said that students will be chosen to present at the COPLAC Undergraduate Research Conference from among the following:

- 2016 Summer FINS students;
- students who received a Summer Scholars stipend last year; and
- students who have been accepted to present at a national conference.

She asked that those students send their abstract and bio to her by 5 p.m. March 7. The Undergraduate Research Council will meet to review those submissions and select ten students. Asked about increasing the number accepted, Ms. Harris replied that several schools will attend and there is not room for all of them to bring more than ten students. This is a COPLAC policy.

Mr. Frey mentioned an entrepreneurship competition open to all students. The competition is sponsored by area businesses and will award prizes up to \$10,000. Interested students should submit their ideas by Feb. 17. For more information please contact Robyn Lee at ral2w@uvawise.edu.

Mr. Costa said that athletic practices have been moved from afternoon to morning to allow students to attend classes that are usually only offered in the afternoon, such as labs. Please let faculty know when advising athletes to schedule classes at 10 a.m. or later. In cases where this is the only time a class is offered, Mr. Costa said they will work with the students to make sure they can take the classes.

Asked about changes in general education, Mr. Huguenin said the committee needs to meet. The consensus from the faculty workshop appears to be that many faculty see the general education curriculum as lacking intentionality, a group of courses with no connections.

Mr. Somervell asked about the proposed academic calendar he had emailed to the Department Chairs. Several said their faculty liked it. Mr. Huguenin mentioned that if the spring semester begins a week later our Commencement could be the same weekend as UVa's.

Mr. Huguenin said that the Alumni Association would no longer help to sponsor the reception held before the Honors Convocation, since very few seniors attend other than those receiving

awards. Ideas to increase senior attendance were discussed, including giving a challenge coin to those who attend the reception and program.

Ms. Collins asked about submitting budgets for the next year; Mr. Huguenin replied that the forms had not been received. He asked that the Chairs send him a paragraph detailing their department's needs for the next fiscal year, due on Friday, Feb. 24.