

Council of Chairs  
March 31, 2015

Present: Rachel Tighe (for Amy Clark), Bryan Hoyt, Daniel Ray, Sandy Huguenin, Margie Tucker, David Klocek, Robin Benke, Jeff Cantrell, Cathie Collins, John Mark Adrian, Michael McNulty, David Kendall, Alex Edwards, Suzanne Adams-Ramsey

Absent: Tom Costa, Amelia Harris

Daniel Ray was present to talk about STAC (Summer Technology and Creativity). The program was piloted last summer for incoming freshmen of all majors. Students used the 3-D printer, scanner and other small electronics to create projects. This year's program will be held June 8-26. Tuition is free for the three-credit course. It is designed for those with no knowledge of computers. Faculty are encouraged to identify current students they believe would be interested and refer them to Prof. Ray.

Mr. Huguenin asked if there were any problems with the new schedule; the only one mentioned is that faculty are not ending classes at the correct time.

Budget projections for next year are running about four percent behind this year, and should not affect faculty travel.

Narda Porter has developed a list of students who are close to earning a degree but left the College without graduating. The College plans to reach out to these students and encourage them to complete their degree.

Mr. Hoyt reported that several of his students say they are bumped off WiFi in the residence halls while working on an online test or doing research. He asked if OIT could collect data to see how widespread the problem is. Mr. Huguenin said he would refer the issue to Scott Bevins.

Ms. Tucker said that undergraduate research forums are held at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays in the science center. This is an opportunity for students to present their projects to a wider audience than in a capstone course. Faculty are encouraged to attend and support the student researchers.

Mr. Huguenin said that the registrar is scheduling the freshman seminars for Fall 2015 and will contact instructors about day and time.