

Council of Chairs  
March 21, 2017

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

Ms. Harris announced a reception to honor students' undergraduate research will be held April 19; faculty will be invited as well as the students' parents. The College will pay for posters that need to be printed, as long as they are paper and not laminate. Margie Tucker is keeping a list of student researchers; contact her if you want to be sure a student is on the list.

The COPLAC Undergraduate Research Symposium will be held on our campus April 21-22. Up to ten students from each participating college will present. Entertainment will be provided by UVa-Wise theater major Kara Dotten.

Faculty should continue to use the oral communication rubrics for evaluating students, but a writing committee will score the written communication rubrics. Student papers (hard copy) from the capstones or upper-division writing intensive courses should be sent to Ms. Harris; names will be removed before papers are given to the committee. The committee members will be trained to evaluate writing in the disciplines.

Mr. Huguenin said that freshmen enrollment is up from this time last year, both applications and deposits. Fall-to-spring retention is also higher.

The scholarship committee met recently; they reported support for faculty research has increased and recommended funds be set aside to allow sabbaticals for more faculty. This is challenging for some disciplines where adjuncts are not available to cover courses.