

Council of Chairs  
March 6, 2018

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

Absent: Cathie Collins

Anita Walz from Virginia Tech gave a presentation on the Open Education Library. Textbooks in many disciplines are available online at no cost and are legally sharable, editable, and can be printed at low cost. Robin Benke shared a handout from Ms. Walz with several resources.

Narda Porter discussed changes to three policies.

- Revisions to Earning a Second Degree has been approved by the Academic Program Committee and will be reviewed by the Faculty Senate at their March 7 meeting.
- The policy on withdrawals has been amended to limit students to six withdrawals in their academic career. This does not apply to withdrawing from the College, but withdrawal from a course. A later deadline for dropping a classes was discussed, and will be discussed by the faculty.
- Students may repeat a course two times, regardless of the grade earned. The most recent grade earned will be the permanent grade on the student's record.

Ms. Porter asked each department to appoint a contact person within the department to provide input on major changes to Jenzabar. An upgrade will take place in the fall of 2019 and again in the fall of 2020. These upgrades mainly involve changes in academic planning and data collection, and will result in more user-friendly reporting capabilities.

#### Announcements

“Celebrate Appalachia” is this Friday beginning at 1 p.m. in Science 122. There will be two sessions of oral presentations and a poster session. Presentations are from several disciplines, focused on topics related to Appalachia.

The COPLAC undergraduate research conference is April 13-14 at the University of South Carolina-Aiken. Send abstracts to Dean Harris by March 13. Students who have presented at regional, national and international conferences are eligible.

Research Day on April 20 will feature presentations by students and faculty; classes will be canceled for the day. Abstracts are due to Dean Harris by April 7.

Please support the the Chancellor for a Day food drive. Food items may be dropped off in the housing office in Cantrell Hall by 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 7.

Chancellor Henry and Cathie Collins presented the RN to BSN proposal to the Board of Visitors last Friday. It will go before our College Board next Friday.

The next Faculty Social will be Friday, March 23, from 3-5 p.m. in Science 217.