

Council of Chairs
Sept. 5, 2017

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

Absent: Jacob Somervell, Bryan Hoyt

Mr. Huguenin said a state committee will look at the proposals for a graduate program here. Any proposals would also require review and on-site visits by SACS and SCHEV. The College would seek input from the Academic Program Committee, Faculty Senate and the Senate Finance Committee.

He and Amelia Harris are writing a proposal for a SIF grant due Friday, seeking funding for undergraduate research and study abroad. It is possible that President-elect Ryan and a new Board of Visitors may change the guidelines to more closely align with strategic planning goals.

Don Sharrit will hold meetings on Wednesday and Thursday on the use of a foundation website that matches faculty with donor interests.

Three departments (Communication Studies, History and Philosophy, and Language and Literature) have offered to pool their ETF resources to equip a classroom in Zehmer with the latest instructional technology. Zehmer 109 has old equipment left from when it was used as a SVETN classroom; perhaps that room could be brought up to date.

New computers installed in the music lab do not have card readers nor a large enough hard drive to meet music teaching requirements. Mr. Huguenin said this would be addressed very soon. A new operating system was installed on computers in Darden classrooms; faculty would like to be notified of these changes.

Emily Dotson will again offer Wise Writes workshops; contact her to arrange one for a department.

Faculty have been told by athletes that they can only take classes during certain time blocks. Thursday night games are new this year; if the game is away the athletes may miss Friday labs that cannot be made up. Faculty Athletic Representative Tom Costa said each sport has set practice times, and limits the classes that may be missed due to travel time. Faculty should direct questions to Mr. Costa or the interim Athletic Director Kendall Rainey.