

2-25-09 Council of Chairs Meeting minutes

Attending: Swallow, Dunbar, Kilway, Koehler, Blanton, Krause, Driever (for Adegoke), Ebersole, Chen, Kruger, Fillion, Breyspraak, Novak, Mirkin, Mardikes, Smith

Not present: Adegoke, Martin, Sturgeon

Dean's Office: Vorst, Stroik, Sandreczki, Vaught, Neuman, Wilson

Information:

- Dean Vorst reminded chairs of the Yield Event scheduled for March 1st.
- Dean Vorst discussed Academic Calendar – Intersession schedule and policy.
- Revisions to grade change process. Dean to forward e-mail from Registrar notifying academic units of changes.

Academic Calendar – Intersession policy reminder

Study abroad exceptions? Off-campus courses included?

Deadlines for refund in intersession very strict because two-week courses require stricter adherence to refund policy.

Grade Change policy change

Apply higher standards to giving Incompletes for coursework. Is the giving of Incompletes being abused? Students have one year to make up incomplete unless instructor gives a specific deadline.

Related issue in front of Faculty Senate now. Discussion of Academic Amnesty.

Faculty needs to make sure they have access in Pathway to submit grades to prevent grade changes generated for entire classes.

More interaction between chairs and faculty concerning grade changes urged. Policy for chairs to refer to in order to clarify grade change guidelines.

Capricious use of time extension for grades can lead to a faculty member receiving appeals from other students who were not given additional time to complete coursework.

Budget Issues

Possible 5& rescission this fiscal year. UMKC's portion potentially 4.2 million dollars. 1.8-2million coming from extra revenue from enrollment.

A&S will receive last summer's expenditure and get ¼ of profits. A&S to receive ½ of profits for Summer 09 profits.

S&W – hiring freeze = 1.7 million dollars. Ongoing, unsustainable.

Expense savings – estimated 1.6 million dollars. Limited, one-time.

Total – approximately 5.3 million dollars.

Does not mean A&S/UMKC out of the woods financially since legislature still has to approve budget for state of Missouri.

College needs to continue cost-saving measures in the event rescission percentage is higher than 5%.

College in limbo concerning contract faculty.

College committees forming to look at various what if scenarios and possible ways to address them.

Update from Dale Neuman

Read travel summary from notes with handout to be made available to chairs via e-mail.

Travel forms have to be filled out completely.

Chairs need to communicate with faculty what travel guidelines are in place and how it affects their department faculty.

College will be held accountable for travel expenditures. Comparison to last year's travel.

Guidelines for departments will be posted on the Web soon.

Update from Tom Stroik

Reminder that GTA award nominees due 2/25 or, at the latest, morning of 2/26.

Finalized letter for GTA appointments sent out by Dale/Tom by 2/26.

Academic Programs update:

Another version of policy will soon be ready for chair discussion/debate.

Cost analysis of General Education as it is now versus what may be proposed.

Advantages? Disadvantages?

Reminded chairs to review adjuncts and SS/FS09 course schedule in the event contracts cannot be renewed.

PACE revenue to A&S? Numbers not available yet.

Update From Wayne Vaught

Faculty and Funding committee did not meet since last Chair's Council. Nothing to report.

Update from Tom Sandreczki

Marketing committee: Scheduled extra meeting for week of March 2nd. Advised of goals being generated by committee for The College. Discussion of University website revision took place.