

CHAIRS AND DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
August 28, 2013 – 1:00 p.m.

Attending: C.Asleson, L.Bauer, J.Bender, B.Carlson, R.Colvin, S.Downard, H.Duschinski, J.Dyer, T.Eisworth, R.Frank, J.Gilliom, S.Gradin, J.Grant, L.Hatch, D.Ingram, K.Jellison, D.López, T.Malinski, C.Mattley, B.McCarthy, S.Miner, R.Muhammad, W.Owens, B.Partyka, S.Ray, R.Rossiter, C.Thompson, M.Vis, J.White, M.White

Information Items:

- The A&S New Faculty Orientation had 27 attendees. As a follow-up, a Mentoring Minutes event has been scheduled for Oct.11, 3:30-5:00 in the Friends of the Library Room. New CAS faculty will spend short intervals of time with experienced faculty who can answer questions about teaching and learning strategies, research and scholarly activities, faculty responsibilities, university resources and other topics of interest.
- Eportfolio Event – Prof. Wayne Hall (Univ. of Cincinnati) will offer a series of faculty discussions and workshops in Baker Center and Wilson Hall on Sept.19-20. Electronic portfolios offer students and faculty a number of potential benefits for teaching, learning and professional development.
- Accreditation Assessment Challenge – As part of the accreditation process, Ohio University will be expected to address issues listed as concerns in the last accreditation. Hatch will provide a link to existing learning objectives for the college.

Website Preview:

Bauer highlighted the new site's clean entry point and ease of navigation. Addition of a link to the Registrar's site was suggested. Chairs should contact Bauer to begin work on departmental web pages. Department administrators can be trained to make updates in CommonSpot.

Faculty Fellowship Leave Process:

A small group of chairs reviewed the current FFL processes and procedures in the college, and their recommendations were distributed for discussion, including the following. The College Committee rankings have proven contentious, so it was recommended that department rankings be required for multiple applications from a single department. Also recommended was distribution of one leave to each department if allocations are sufficient and applications are meritorious. College ranking would give highest priority to first-time applicants, followed by most meritorious proposals and then second/third opportunities. The committee will collect input and provide a report in 4 weeks.

Summer and Athens On-line Scheduling:

With the restructuring of the eLearning office, on-line scheduling has become the responsibility of the colleges (with the exception of eCampus), with no special revenue stream. A short-term procedure will be developed for next Summer, followed by long-term planning.

Coffee with the Dean:

Chairs were asked to identify faculty who have made notable professional achievements so that they may be invited to have coffee with the Dean.