

CHAIRS AND DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Ellis 113

1:00-3:00 p.m.

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Attending: C. Asleson, L. Bauer, J. Bender, S. Bergmeier, B. Carlson, L. Cohen, S. Downard, H. Duschinski, J. Dyer, T. Esworth, R. Frank, J. Grant, S. Gradin, L. Hatch, D. Ingram, K. Jellison, C. Mattley, B. McCarthy, S. Miner, R. Muhammad, W. Owens, B. Partyka, L. Schoeppner, B. Shambora, G. Springer, M. Vis, J. White, M. White

1. Information items

a. Majors Fair thank you (Frank and Asleson)

Thank you to all who participated in the Majors Fair. Asleson noted the event was well attended and will share statistics when available. Please forward feedback to Asleson.

b. On-line teaching of CAS faculty for regional courses (Hatch)

In response to managing on-line faculty teaching for regional courses, the CAS-RHE Advisory Committee will be working to develop a form requiring signatures regarding any kind of instructional sharing/teaching of regional courses.

c. Enhancing recruitment of a diverse faculty (Frank)

As a first action in the efforts to improve diversity in our faculty, the College is instituting a diversity enhancement orientation session for search committees. McCarthy is working to put together information relevant to faculty hiring.

d. Phi Beta Kappa (Partyka and Jellison)

Betsy Partyka is stepping down as Phi Beta Kappa President. The new President is Paul Milazzo, Dept. of History. Thank you to those responding to the lists sent out containing names of undergraduate and graduate students who are PBK members. The list was last updated in 2014. If you are aware of any other names please forward them to Partyka. The group is hoping to be more visible this year. PBK and Geology will be sponsoring a guest speaker Professor Shuhai Xiao presenting "On the Eve of the Cambrian Revolution" on Tuesday, 10/1, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Walter Hall 145. They are also looking to host an informal event in February with faculty PBK members. March will include sophomore recruitment. A face book sight for the OU chapter is now available. Please encourage students to accept membership (this year \$85). There are funds to help with the cost

(included in the informational letters sent to nominees) for a limited amount of students. Note please encourage membership from the sciences. The language requirement is 1 year plus 1 term. Science majors typically do not have 3 semesters of a foreign language.

e. Fall departmental planning meetings (Frank)

The College is scheduling fall departmental planning meetings. A list of topics for discussion will be sent to departments prior to the meetings. Departments are encouraged to generate a lists of items they would like to discuss at the planning meetings as well. The list should be forwarded to the Dean's Office.

f. Alumni programming update (Cohen)

Cohen is working on a fall newsletter for CAS alumni. The letter will include an article regarding the College's 80th birthday, introduction of Kacey Schaum, a letter from the Dean, introduction of Cohen, information on how alums can get involved, and links that will connect to individual department news and Forum.

This is a great starting point and hoped to engage CAS alums and encourage networking.

CAS will be hosting Career week on January 30 – February 3, 2017.

Please reach out to Cohen if you would like a list of CAS alums that are registered to attend homecoming events or access them directly by going to the Ohio University Alumni Association page <https://www.ohio.edu/alumni/involve/upcoming-events.cfm>

g. Class Climate update (Hatch)

There is a CAS Committee working with David Beam and David Alexander, OIT, to identify a replacement for the current Class Climate application. Last spring the Committee compiled a list of needs and wants. From this list OIT has connected with different vendors and requested demonstrations. In addition Alexander has scheduled chats with other universities regarding their current systems. There are approximately 7-8 commercial applications available – Class Climate being one of those choices. The remaining 6-7 applications may or may not have everything needed including reporting functions. Home grown applications are too expensive and would require extensive time. It is hoped that spring semester issues are not replicated. As an opportunity to ask questions and address concerns Scantron will be on campus for a two day training/site visit in late October. Michael Tedesco will be reaching out to Department Administrators/contacts with additional information.

Digital Measures - McCarthy noted that he has entered all 30 (I & II) new faculty members into Digital Measures. There was additional discussion regarding Digital Measures and the possibility of adding classes taught by faculty automatically into the system no longer requiring entry/typing. McCarthy will follow-up.

h. Ackley gift to Chemistry and Physics (Frank and Downard)

The Departments of Chemistry/Biochemistry and Physics/Astronomy are receiving a 5 million dollar gift from alumnus Robert Ackley - CAS grad 1941. The Departments will be sharing the gift Chemistry/Biochemistry receiving 60% and Physics/Astronomy receiving 40%. This is a quasi-endowment and not donor directed. Downard has been working with Mr. Ackley since 2008 noting the long term commitment.

2. Discussion item (Frank)

a. Future of the college meetings

Frank asked for feedback regarding the College wide meeting held on September 20 focusing on liberal arts education.