



Executive Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 – 1:30 – 2:30 pm
via ZOOM

Agenda Items

1. Deans CARE Student Presentation – Jalia Joseph (JosephJL@tamu.edu) (<https://liberalarts.tamu.edu/about/engagement/ongoing-initiatives/>) The presentation (attached) centered on diversity and anti-racism as related to graduate matters. The presentation will be forwarded when available. Last year's presentation on undergraduate matters is attached.
2. Working Group Updates from EC members
 - a. Marty Regan – update on School of Performing Arts – inventory of PERF degree programs in preparation of them moving into the new school, looked at space, subcommittee focused on the building itself and proposing a 'wish list'
 - b. Stefanie Harris and Bill Clark – update on INTS/POLS moves to Bush School – what does transfer faculty lines look like, INTS degree plan is moving to Bush school, not as complicated for POLS as for INTS.
 - i. Working group #5 – Incorp. Campus units, global engagement, person named already, house number of units (study abroad, etc.)
 - c. Maura Ives – libraries working group – heads to think about, 38 tenured faculty and APT (50+ T/TT and APT) will be looking for homes, survey with top 3 choices due on March 14 – town hall on March 10, subgroup - 'Library of the Future'
 - d. Leroy Dorsey and Carlos Blanton – Arts and Science working group – need a structure by April 1st, set of deans, survey of the committee and results didn't reflect the decision for divisions, proposed that all dept heads would report to the dean, meet bi-weekly, supposedly only responsible for the first two layers of the structure, subcommittee for P&T for A&S College formed at last meeting
 - e. Hart Blanton – Journalism working group – main goal to focus on degree, need to find a home for the degree
 - f. Kristine Brisco – recently assigned as the budget/finance liaison to three university level working groups and in addition meets weekly with university level budget group to ensure financial data is provided consistently and from a central unit to the various working groups. University Studies has been more challenging with the various colleges involved and the expansion to include interdisciplinary programs as well as the Transition Academic Programs. There are many budget challenges with this particular working group. She continues to work with Science and Geosciences to build the financial structure for the new college which involves additional meetings. Lots of challenges there as each college has very different structures and processes related to budget and finance.
3. Budget Considerations: heads are asking or assistance with retention and for help with equity salary issues. The dean wants to help but there are numerous requests for tenure-track lines. At the next Heads' Meeting, we will have a discussion on setting priorities in this area.
4. Other
 - a. Announcements:
 - i. Mandy Stark's last day in Liberal Arts is March 11th
 - ii. Midterm grades for 86 courses were not turned in. The dean reported that if a person appears on this list and also does not turn in final grades this May, they will be ineligible for

- a merit pay increase (if there are funds). Student academic success will be a very critical metric in the coming years and departments need to take this seriously.
- iii. P&T cases – departments are now free to submit their T&P materials later than the previously directed August 31 deadline. The Faculty Affairs Office will now allow materials to be uploaded as late as October 1. (The exception is International Studies, which will need to be finished by August 31.)