

DEANS COUNCIL
September 10, 2019
Minutes

The Deans Council met on Tuesday, September 10 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the Visual Arts Building, room 2015. Those present were Austin Agho (Chair), Jane Bray, Gail Dodge, Kate Hawkins, David Metzger, Brian Payne, Kent Sandstrom, Ben Stuart, Jeff Tanner, Bonnie Van Lunen, and Robert Wojtowicz. Morris Foster and Tisha Paredes attended as guests. The following agenda items were discussed.

1. The July 9, 2019 minutes were approved.
2. The minutes from the August 2, 2019 retreat were approved.
3. Update on the Institute for Coastal Adaptation and Resilience (ICAR)

Gail Dodge and Morris Foster presented an update on the Institute for Coastal Adaptation and Resilience (ICAR). The \$3 million gift from Joan Brock will result in operating funds of \$120,000 to support the Institute. A search firm will be used in the search for the Institute's Executive Director. The firm will help shape the vision for the Institute and aid in identifying candidates. The Deans Council will likely be involved in reviewing the ad for the position as well as the interview process. The candidate selected will probably be a practitioner but may also have academic credentials. Greg DuBois will identify funding for the Executive Director's salary for the first year, but the position must be base funded after the first year. The location for the Institute has not been determined.

The Executive Director will also serve as the Senior Resilience Strategist for the city of Norfolk. In addition, Josh Behr, Research Associate Professor, will serve as a Resilience Fellow for the city of Norfolk and work with the city to provide a resilience link. A proposal for a \$1 million long-term recovery plan will be put together and submitted to the Hampton Roads Community Foundation for funding.

Dr. Dodge discussed the need to engage resilience collaborative faculty and provide small seed funding for projects. She asked the other Deans for support for seed funding. She will arrange a meeting of the Deans and the Institute's leadership team to provide additional information and discuss the Institute in more detail. Questions should be directed to Dr. Dodge.

4. EVMS-ODU Partnership

Morris Foster provided an update on the EVMS-ODU partnership. The Hampton Roads Biomedical Research Consortium, consisting of ODU, EVMS, Sentara, VCU, and UVA, has been formed. A consultant will provide recommendations on the best opportunities

for collaboration. ODU has identified the following two areas for collaboration: digital health and health equity. Sentara's involvement is critical.

5. Five-Year Department Reviews--Accreditation Review vs. Department Review

Tisha Paredes stated that the third cohort is undergoing department reviews this year. The seven-year schedule and the materials departments receive for the reviews can be found on the assessment website. External review is part of the process. The fundamental questions to be answered are (1) where the department/program hopes to be and (2) how to get there.

The department review process can be flexible to meet both accreditation needs and department needs. The Deans asked to receive checkpoints during the review process. Department chairs need to be aware of the Dean's involvement and the need to consult with the Dean. Dr. Paredes will encourage department chairs to consult with the Dean. She will also share benchmarks from the 2018 and 2019 cohorts with the Deans.

6. Update on Graduate Certificates in Data Science and Data Analytics

Robert Wojtowicz reported that there are a large number of certificates related to data science and data analytics, including six certificates in modeling and simulation and additional certificates in the College of Sciences. More certificate proposals are in process. Some of the certificates have low enrollment while others are add-ons and do not feed into existing graduate programs. He will review existing certificates, which may result in closures. He will also meet with departments proposing additional certificates to identify a coordinated effort for certificates going forward.

7. Update on MSIM Resources

Robert Wojtowicz stated that there will be a reduced budget for modeling and simulation moving forward, including a reduction in assistantships. He asked the Deans to think about how modeling and simulation relates to data science and big data and how assistantships can be funneled to doctoral programs involving data science. There may be a need to decouple assistantships from certificates.

8. Committee on Marketing and Communications

Austin Agho asked for input on the draft document describing the committee on marketing and communications. The purpose of the committee is to provide an opportunity for the campus marketing community to communicate, cooperate, and collaborate with one another about marketing plans, initiatives, ideas, and resources in order to facilitate the effectiveness of joint activities in this area. The Deans

recommended that Jeff Tanner represent the Deans on the committee. Questions and comments should be sent to Dr. Agho.

9. Announcements

- A. Austin Agho announced that the AGB search firm will assist us with the search for the Dean of the Batten College of Engineering and Technology, and Gail Dodge has agreed to chair the search committee. He has asked chairs in the college for names of individuals to consider for the search committee. He will meet with faculty in the college to explain the search process and timeline.
- B. Austin Agho announced that a small group will be convened on September 18 and 23 to review and streamline the objectives for the Strategic Plan.
- C. Kent Sandstrom asked about the submission of non-tenure track faculty portfolios in Digital Measures. Specifically, there is a section for non-tenure track faculty to submit research materials, but research is not part of their job description. Also, there is not a section to submit materials pertaining to service. Kate Hawkins replied that the section for submission of research materials is now optional, and a section has been added to submit service materials.