Chairs Council

1/25/21

Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_=present

Basic and Applied Sciences

Business and Aerospace – Wendy Beckman

Agriculture – Jessica Carter

Biology – Dennis Mullen

Chemistry – Greg Van Patten

Computer Science – Medha Sarkar

Concrete and Construction Management – Kelly Strong

Engineering Technology – Vishwas Bedekar

Geosciences – Henrique Momm

Mathematical Sciences – Chris Stephens

Military Science – Rick McCarthy

Physics and Astronomy – Ron Henderson

Behavioral and Health Sciences

Criminal Justice and Administration – Lee Wade

Health and Human Performance – Sonya Sanderson

Human Sciences – Gina Pisut

Nursing – Jenny Sauls

Psychology – Greg Schmidt

Social Work – Cathy McElderry

Jones College of Business

Accounting – Jeannie Harrington

Information Systems and Analytics – Tim Greer

Economic and Finance – Keith Gamble

Management – Jill Austin

Marketing – Robert Blair

College of Education

Elementary and Special Education – Amy Elleman

Educational Leadership – Donald Snead

College of Liberal Arts

Art and Design – Nicole Foran

Communication Studies – Ron Kates

English – Steve Severn

Global Studies and Human Geography – David Carlton

History – Emily Baran

Music – Jennifer Vannatta-Hall

Philosophy and Religious Studies – Mary Magada-Ward

Political Science and International Relations – Michael Federici

Sociology and Anthropology – Brandon Wallacee

Theatre and Dance – Jette Halladay

World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures – Roger Pieroni

College of Media and Entertainment

Media Art – Billy Pittard

Journalism and Strategic Media – Greg Pitts

Recording Industry – John Merchant

University College

University Studies – Marva Lucas

Library

Susan Martin – Collection Development and Management

Jason Vance

Keith Introduced Jette Halliday as the interim chair of Theatre and Dance.

Business

1. **Discussion with Dr. Trey Martindale, new MTSU Online Learning Officer**

How can we help? Recent and former department chair at Mississippi State. Studies what goes wrong/failure in online learning. Teaching online for last 15 years.

* Mission (why do you exist): MTSU Online exists to extend and amplify all the resources of MTSU to create an educated and informed citizenry for Tennessee and beyond.
* Vision (what is the result of accomplishing your mission): MTSU Online is a significant catalyst for increasing educational access and improving social mobility for the citizens of Tennessee and beyond.
* Re-writing contract for developing online courses
  + Instructional designers = coaches
  + Just hired 3rd instructional coach
* Want to serve as a resource for best practices and interesting instructional strategies
* Trey’s mobile: (662) 617-9646

1. **Discussion with Dr. Susan Myers-Shirk, Director of General Education**

Increase departmental engagement in the GEnEd redesign process. Launched in D2L in October 2020.

General Education Redesign Team and UGEC Executive Committee

Design Team: Michelle Boyer-Pennington, CBHS; Brian Frank, CBAS; Christabel Devadoss, CLA; Kirsten West, LIB; Louis Woods, *ex officio*

UGEC Executive Committee: Ryan Korstange, Chair; Lando Carter, Chair Elect; Deana Raffo, Secretary

Research: Katherine Brackett

Priorities of the Strategic Plan

* Flexible options
* Core knowledge and skills
* Student engagement and exploration
* Relevant and innovative content
* Inclusion and intercultural competence

Priorities stay the same. Distinctive to MTSU and that benefits our students and our faculty

Process

* Inclusive
* Equitable
* Transparent
* Iterative

Timeline

January 2021 – Reaffirm priorities and articulate process in a public forum; explain the design more effectively

February 2021 – Q&A sessions with subcommittees working on the D2L shell; special sessions requested by faculty; UGEC models, outcomes and assessment, and procedures for course approval in the new program

March 2021 – Public Zoom forums to continue the scrum process; UGEC design meetings

April 2021 – Depending upon what happens in February/March, perhaps a decision about STRUCTURAL changes to the program: new categories? FYS? Pathways?

AY 2021-2022

If we decide about the structure in April of 2021, and depending on what is included in that structure, next year will require:

* Faculty learning communities to define the categories and areas
* Faculty learning communities to define and design pathways
* Faculty learning communities to define and design FYE seminars
* Departmental design teams to create courses
* UGEC development of an assessment plan

Deadline for the department D2L shell has been extended to March 5.

Susan’s mobile: (615) 491-1251

Steve Severn – temperature check with chairs; concern with progressing with GenEd redesign by end of April.

1. **Kill Workload Update**

Current workload process wastes a lot of hours for chairs and executive aides

Becky Cole needs aggregated workload data for SACSCOC

Perhaps possible to submit data by departments (i.e., spreadsheet)

Wallace: too many ways to show faculty accountability

Sanderson: sent an excel file of workload to Becky, which Becky appreciated

Gamble: subcommittee can develop a streamlined spreadsheet

1. **APS Feedback for Mark**

Wallace: not sure what the benefit of APS is

Federici: don’t lose sight of bigger picture; benefit for chairs to speak directly to Provost

Momm: APS data doesn’t match dashboard

Van Patten: Needs full story; not just numbers. APS does not provide a pulse to the department.

Gamble: APS is here to stay, so worth our effort to try and learn this process and use for the future.

Wade: doesn’t catch all adjuncts; employed at other universities

1. **Committee Updates**

Dual enrollment: Steve Severn. Principles document approved in November. Provost tasked Sluder with forming working group.

General Ed Redesign: no report

Gamble: Handbook. Update to hiring system. <https://careers.mtsu.edu/en-us/listing/>

New Chairs: Needs new chairperson. Jeff Gibson moved into Dean’s role. Email Keith if interested in chairing subcommittee.

Technology: no report

1. **Q & A**

Sauls: Panopto recordings.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Vannatta-Hall (Music)

Secretary, Chairs Council