

Chairs' Council Meeting  
11/15/21

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

Basic and Applied Sciences

Business and Aerospace – Chaminda Prelis  
Agriculture – Jessica Carter  
Biology – Dennis Mullen  
Chemistry – Andrienne Friedli  
Computer Science – Medha Sarkar  
Concrete and Construction Management – Kelly Strong  
Engineering Technology – Ken Currie  
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 – Stuart Fowler  
Management – Jill Austin  
Marketing – Robert Blair

College of Education

Elementary and Special Education – Eric Oslund  
Educational Leadership – Donald Snead

College of Liberal Arts

Art and Design – Michael Baggarly  
Communication Studies – Mary Beth Asbury  
English – Steve Severn  
Global Studies and Human Geography – David Carleton  
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 Wallace

Theatre and Dance – Tiffany Trent

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

Collection Development and Management – Susan Martin

User services – Jason Vance

#### Other

Director, Literacy Studies – Amy Elleman

#### Business

1. Committee Reports
  - a. Technology (Jill Austin)
    - i. 18 chairs provided information via email
    - ii. Chairs still have time to respond to Jill's email
    - iii. Issues in three categories
      1. Communication
      2. Timeline
      3. Ease of access
    - iv. We need training
    - v. Chairs: Between the rock and a hard place
  - b. Assessment training for SACSCOC
    - i. Jenny thought the readout for student evaluations is better than old
    - ii. Easier to understand
    - iii. Jill will follow up with Lisa Bass about making sure eval link is available in D2L
2. Academic Scheduling (Steve Severn)
  - a. Draft of 2024 academic calendar
  - b. OER class – attribute in scheduling
  - c. Spring Break and Fall Break – why not link up with RCS?  
Why? MTSU schedules more in advanced than RCS. MTSU will not budge because it's the halfway point for A1 and A2 courses. RCS will not budge because they count back from testing.
3. Workloads (Steve Severn)
  - a. 26 of 39 participants so far
  - b. Lots of inconsistencies

4. Enrollment Management Committee (Jenny Sauls)
  - a. Resurrected from 2008 Recession
  - b. Meeting weekly on Fridays
  - c. Plug the hole and move forward
  - d. Wants new ideas and make immediate adjustments
  - e. Current number of applications far exceed where we were at this time last year
  - f. Decisions based on data, not opinions
  - g. High school numbers will continue to decline
  - h. President is no longer interested in being the largest enrollment in the state; QUALITY, not quantity
  - i. New info Jenny was not aware of
    - i. Increased recruitment staff
    - ii. 48-hour response time to application
    - iii. Notifying high school students of their scholarship awards early
    - iv. 2021 awarded \$13 million+ in scholarships
      1. 1159 new freshman \$4.13 million
      2. 388 new transfer students \$1.61 million
      3. >3.5 million in private scholarships
    - v. Campus tours
    - vi. UTK has a lot more money than MTSU  
They get the higher achieving students
    - vii. Focus more on ACT 25-29 scores
    - viii. 2015 applications
      1. 8961 freshman applications
      2. 7055 accepted
      3. 6218 admitted
      4. 2839 enrolled
    - ix. 2021 applications
      1. 11338 freshman applications
      2. 8294 accepted
      3. 7820 admitted
      4. 2752 enrolled
    - x. Greater push for online programs
    - xi. President continues to push True Blue Tours
      1. How is it “successful” is there is no data. What is the yield?
5. Video capture system (Kelly Strong)
  - a. Faculty asking to unplug/stop lecture capture
  - b. Attendance in classes way down
  - c. <https://mtsu.edu/stayoncourse/faculty/lecture-capture.php>  
Please note especially the following language: “Lecture capture is not a mandate; however, in cases where faculty do not provide lecture capture, they are required to provide students with an equitable and reasonable alternative.”
  - d. Need clarification on whether or not faculty are expected to use lecture capture going forward
6. Meetings for next semester – Zoom meeting for Spring 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Vannatta-Hall (Music)  
Secretary