Council of Academic Chairpersons Annual Report 2020-2021

The Council of chairs met twice in fall2020 and three times in spring 2021. These meetings were used to inform the chairs of general administration processes and policies, as well as convey items of concern the chairs have as a group to the administration.

Agendas and Minutes can be found in the Teams/Sharepoint folder for the Council of Chairs. Meetings were held using the Teams virtual meeting space.

Oct. 1, 2020

Guest George Claffey (CIO) spoke about COVID-19 policies on campus with a specific focus on contact tracing

Dec. 3, 2020

Sarah Maurer elected Chairperson. Jen Piatek elected secretary. Guest Marianne Fallon discussed part-time appointment approval process that was being imposed because of budgetary limitations.

Feb 3, 2021

Guest Louise Williams discussed contract negotiations and how chairs can support union activities. Discussion also covered concerns chairs have over last-minute course cancellation by the administration, and clerical staffing changes.

Apr 23, 2021

Ruby Blackmon and Heidi Hugley (both AFSCME), and Dan Moreland (HR) joined to discuss clerical staffing. The AFSCME has no intention of grieving the proposed changes. Dan discusses clerical responsibilities and evaluation.

May 11, 2021

Provost David Dauwalder and Marianne Fallon as guests discussed faculty line replacement, emergency hires and part time appointments. Room capacities and course modalities were also discussed.

Report submitted by Sarah Maurer, Nov 15, 2021.