Council of Chairs Minutes

Thursday, December 5, 2013

245 Patterson Office Tower

9:00am – 10:30am

1. Ruth Beattie

Dr. Beattie discussed the Presentation U Faculty Fellows program and handed out information to the group. She also discussed Graduation Writing Requirements and what each department needs to do in order to be in compliance with the university rules. If departments have questions, they should talk to Ruth.

1. Betty Lorch

Dr. Lorch gave an updated on the Royster awards and graduate student recruitment efforts for the College.

1. Dean’s Report

The dean gave a building update. He has been in meetings regarding the Academic Science Building (ASB). The building will mostly house A&S programs, classes, and faculty. The building will be located across the Street from Thomas Hunt Morgan. The size is yet to be determined but they are planning for auditoriums, TEAL class rooms, and shelled research wing. They would like to open the building in Fall 2016. The building will be very ‘green’. The dean described additional building plans the university will be taking to the CPE and legislation in the spring: renovation of the Law School, student center, possibly build a BBSRB II, and put up a new parking garage on campus.

The dean discussed new budget model information with the group. He asked they be patient and expects to have more information after the Dean’s retreat in January.

1. Other issues

The dean shared a draft of the ‘ask’ letter he will be sending out to faculty and staff at the end of the year. This is the first time he has done this since he has become Dean.

The group discussed turning lecturers into Special Title Series faculty. Please work with Ted Schatzki and Dean Kornbluh if you are interested in moving the positions.