Arts and Sciences Council of Chairs

Thursday, October 23, 2014

9:00 – 10:30 am

245 Patterson Office Tower

A&S Events Calendar

The Dean’s office receives numerous requests to send email reminders for events. The Dean would like to encourage another forum for A&S or departmental events to be noticed. The project management team and Hive created a newsletter which goes out to faculty and staff stating upcoming activities or events hosted by the college or departments. Travis McKenzie gave a brief tutorial to the chairs and will work with department managers to show them how to upload events to the newsletter and calendar.

Director of Development

The Dean introduced Beth Wells, the new Director of Development for the University.

Beth stated her appreciation for UK and what it means for her to be working at a flagship university in the state of Kentucky.

University plans to enhance research

Andrew Hippisley shared information from the latest Board of Trustees meeting about the president’s plan to enhance research. He stated the importance of collaboration across the university, particularly with the medical side of campus. If we get more research money, we can increase our rankings, increased rankings will attracted more students and more revenue. The group discussed buildings for research and the new saying “University For Kentucky.”

Attracting majors and Departmental Open houses

The Departments of Geography and Earth and Environmental Sciences recently hosted open houses for their students. The chairs of these departments shared their experience with the group. This is a good way to attract major and the dean encouraged other departments to do similar events.

eCats Update

Anna Bosch gave an update on the eCats course changes system and there was discussion around the ability to “disapprove” the changes proposed.

College Grants Officer update and announcements

Two CGOs positions has been approved and posted on the UK jobsite. The college is anticipating hiring a senior CGO and a CGO. The links will be emailed after the meeting to encourage sharing to those who might be interested. Dr. Lorch called the attention to the three deadlines from the VPR office regarding awards; two of which are for post docs and the third is for the University Research Professor.

Around the Room

A few faculty search updates were given.