

Minutes for Council of Department Heads Meeting - 30 October 2018.

Provost Smith asked Faculty Senate to consider changing how VSU records multiple efforts at the same class. New system would show the highest grade obtained on student transcript.

Dr. Michael Black to chair Comprehensive Administrative Review Committee.

Provost asked departments to consider classes outside the M/T/W/Th/F, 10:00 Am - 2:00 PM model. Also to avoid scheduling too many online classes, which do not provide the fees needed to pay off VSU Bonds.

Summer classes providing full 10% compensation are set at 15 for undergraduate, and 10 for graduate. Class size will be determined 2 weeks before start. If the numbers decline in the next 14 days, there will be no drop in compensation; if they go up, the professor's salary will be adjusted in her favor. For profs with less than the minimum student population - 85% of tuition raised. For classes with significant reenrollment, Academic Affairs will share part of revenues generated – these added to the department's operating funds.

Dr. Ross asked Provost if this model would become policy.

Dr. Sewell asked how PERS and cross-listed courses fit into revenue sharing.

Provost commented that 12-month faculty do not play a part in revenue sharing.

Vice President Gravett reported Faculty Work Load Committee has a survey going out to all faculty. She explained various ways to feedback data to that committee.

Lee Ann Johnson spoke on how the Book Store was making efforts to get texts into student hands from day 1 of class. Looking to promote a pilot plan in the College of Business. Pearson Publishing not very cooperative. It might be possible to get book costs converted to fees, which might let students get their books without the need to have a bankroll on day one.

Becky Murphy from HR explained that People Admin was being replaced by 1-USG in January 2019. This will reduce paper trail with electronic approvals. Also, no hires will be possible in December, as UG is entering 1-USG, and there might be computer problems. Hiring should be possible again starting 1 January 2019. HR has a new “onboarding” team to allow for a smooth transition for new hires into VSU.

Dr. Sewell asked for a better response to her online surveys.

Dr. Warner talked about the GAP program, and mentioned she could promote events via her network.

Dr. Roy reports from Faculty Senate that they are studying a new SOI with more mobile app options. Crime stats are down except for dating violence. It is possible to get “active shooter” training from the University PD.

“Thinking Strom” technology embraced by the Academic Support Center described by Dr. Sullivan. It is a 24-hour online tutor service. He asked if they could attend faculty meetings to show how this could be connected to their classes.

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