

Fall forum highlights.

a) Dr. Emily Lehning provided data on student enrollments in the CHE over the past 5 years (we are down), and also provided strategies for addressing this, including: Refining our message(s), placement, who's our competition, Gen Z messaging and focusing on retention.

b) The Dean provided a college update, including tentative dates for completion of construction projects in Justin Hall.

c) Our colleagues across CHE and their achievements were recognized with the presentation of the numerous awards they received.

d) Dr. Toews, Associate Dean of Research and Scholarship for the CHE, presented some metrics on research productivity (grants/publications) across the college. Dr. Toews also announced that she will be forming an advisory committee to the Associate Dean of Research (of faculty in the college); more to come on that committee later this fall.

e) The department leaders gave "who we are" talks, ~ 15 min long each, designed to highlight the diverse activities of each unit in the college. Extension and Center leaders will provide a similar update in the Spring Forum. A Q&A with the chairs will be held this fall (see #2 below). ~100 notecards were passed out during the forum for suggestions and questions for the chairs. (again, see #2 below).

f) Dr. Fees, our Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, gave a brief update on Activity Insight, and how AI helps market the broad diversity of our college.

g) The Faculty Council chair asked the voting faculty to stay for a few more minutes for a group discussion and comments on shared governance. Based on several emails asking for clarification of the purpose/finances of the lunches with the Dean (some emails not in favor followed by emails in favor), the Dean was asked, immediately before the forum, to explain the purpose of the lunches, and where the funds came from. Following this, there was a discussion for and against the lunches, during the forum to facilitate involvement of all faculty (forum is "all-college"). This was to initiate conversation amongst all faculty members. After this discussion, we took a vote to either recommend continuing or stopping the lunches; of which the motion passed unanimously to recommend the continuation of the lunches. We stressed the importance of having candid conversations about issues within the college.

2) Request for questions, suggestions, etc. for the Dept. Chair panel later this

semester. When the chairs were asked to give the "who we are" talks, the chairs brought up a concern that these talks do not allow faculty/staff discussion. Thus, it was suggested that the chairs first give their talks at the fall forum and then we have a panel discussion later in the fall semester to allow all in the CHE to ask whatever questions they like to the chairs. Prior to the talks, >100 notecards were passed out with the following requested; list stereotypes of the individual units (in other words, how do you feel other units are perceived both in and outside of the CHE?), provide questions for the chairs (whether in your unit or not) and any suggestions on these notecards. The Faculty council would provide these questions to the chairs for the

panel later this fall. Eight of the >100 notecards were turned back in. There will be another email call for chair questions coming after the Faculty Council meets (hopefully in the next two weeks; still waiting on a complete list of who is serving this year).

3) Faculty council plans for FY18; in the first faculty Council meeting of FY2018, questions for a survey on what the faculty of the CHE want from their council will be discussed. Based upon this survey, the council plans to restructure the bylaws to be more contemporary and representative of all in the college of CHE.

4) A schedule of events for the Fall including Q&A with the Dean; as discussed at the forum, the Faculty Council asked the Dean to hold a Q&A meeting every 6 weeks or so, to address questions the faculty may have. The Dean is in favor of these meetings to facilitate transparency and get information directly to all in the CHE. These are not all-college meetings and are intended to allow faculty/staff to ask questions directly to the Dean. The first Q&A session will be @ 3 p.m. on September 26th in Justin Hall room 146. Please note: this classroom holds ~ 30 people, and is not meant to house all in the CHE. A member of the Faculty Council will be there to report questions and answers on the Faculty Council website to disseminate to the whole college. Please bear in mind; ask anything you want (philosophical, decision making, etc.), but if you want very detailed information (e.g., specific numbers, finances, or similar) that require report generation or data collection, you will need to get these questions to us (faculty council) in advance.

Finally, please mark your calendars for the following;

- **August 24th, (Thursday) 9-11 am**-Welcome Back Coffee Café in Hoffman Lounge (all welcome)
- **September 8th, (Friday) 5-7:30 pm**-College-Wide Potluck Dinner at Tuttle Creek State Park Shelter #2
- **September 13th, (Wednesday) 10 am-1:30 pm**-Human Ecology Education Abroad Fair in Hoffman Lounge
- **November 29th, (Wednesday) 3:30-4:30 pm** -All college meeting with President Myers and Provost Mason in Hoffman Lounge