



Academic Affairs

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Deans' Council Agenda
Tuesday, September 4 at 1:00pm
Rothwell 456

- I. Roundtable
 - a. Minors to Certificates
 - i. *Continued discussion regarding converting some minors to certificates. Viability and sustainability needs to be addressed. The University would like to convert one or two minors to certificates per year. Wyatt noted the documents for this change are on the ADHE website.*
 - b. Technology in Gen Ed/Majors
 - i. *Creating a brand identity around Tech; our students are familiar with technology and know how to use it. Can we manipulate core courses to satisfy the technology aspect? Increase Blackboard use. This could be an opportunity for professional development through CETL.*
 - c. Fall Intersession
 - i. *Discussion: Dr. Bridgmon posed the question of creating Fall Intersession that would take place three weeks toward the end of the Fall semester. Wyatt indicated there are classes beginning and ending throughout the semester already. Additional discussion led to concern about faculty and the courses being successful. Tammy indicated there are Fall Condensed Courses in the schedule and these are advertised via MARCOMM.*
 - d. AdAstra Usage
 - i. *The Registrar's Office offered training on assigning courses and rooms in AdAstra September 6 and 7. Courses not assigned rooms will be optimized unless otherwise noted to the Registrar's Office. The spring schedule will be available October 1.*
 - e. Year 4 Strategic Plan & Fiscal 20 Budget Requests
 - i. *Dr. Bridgmon asked the group to think about year 4 Strategic Plan goals and what needs to be requested. **Action: Submit requests, share back requests to all parties, and as a group, a decision will be made on priorities for Academics.***

Upcoming Deadlines and Events

September 6: 11th class day

September 17: Handbook option due to Academic Affairs by 5 pm

September 17: Sabbatical deadline due to Academic Affairs by 5 pm

September 28: P&T portfolios due to DPTC (those following the 2018 Handbook)

f. Announcements

- i. *New ATU app is available and, at the time, 1300 users had downloaded. The app can send targeted announcements to users. Please contact Ken Wester for additional information.*
- ii. *Mongoose Texting software has been very successful. Dr. Warnick received a 60% response rate from students.*
- iii. *Blackboard has moved to the Cloud. This change has led the Blackboard attendance accounting modal to no longer talk to Banner. The Registrar's Office will send out directions on how to do accounting.*