

**Dean's Council**  
**September 22, 2020**  
**Academic Affairs**  
**3:30 – 5:15pm**

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Join Faculty Senate Meeting at 3:00 (if schedule allows) to hear questions raised by faculty. Link sent under separate cover.

4:00 – 4:20

COVID-19 Taskforce Update

Student Athletes account for 52 of the 70 positive cases on campus. 123 students are in quarantine. 213 individuals are being tracked. Quarantine spaces are 90% full but the university is looking to move those students into the Stadium Suites apartments. Due to limitations, staffing and testing, the Health Center can only process 100 tests per week. Current discussions with the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) may classify ATU as a cluster and mandate mass testing. Mr. Heath Whorton spoke with ADH, and if they recommend the campus go virtual, they would only recommend it on a temporary basis. Mostly because any spread is not classroom based, it is social and activity based.

Homecoming is more of an alumni event this year and hosting a golf tournament. Food Service update – based on concerns from Ms. Jarvis, she is concerned about students hanging out with no masks. She is recommending takeout only options until October 6. Dr. Robertson indicated of the two student athletes he knows of, they are receiving food deliveries to their rooms. Taskforce recommended another virtual commencement. The academic calendar start date and spring break was discussed. The Taskforce decided EC should make the decision to cancel spring break or leave as is. Dr. Johnson stated she is working with Mrs. Weaver and Mrs. Chronister on the schedule. There may be a few days we can forego based on the number of instruction hours required. Other universities are cancelling spring break so that students don't leave and have to come back; same concept with going virtual after Thanksgiving.

4:20 – 4:30

## HLC

- Faculty Credential Review
- Syllabi Repository  
HLC can begin asking for these as early as October 15 so please make sure these are uploaded.
- Faculty Engagement on Blackboard  
Dr. Robertson has been the only Dean to report on his faculty actively using Blackboard in their course.  
**Action: Please send Dr. Johnson an email regarding those listed on the report sent earlier today by Dr. Aulgur.**
- Student Learning Outcomes  
Some program webpages are up linking to learning outcomes but several department heads have not provided the necessary information for the page. It was noted that this will be the very first thing a reviewer will look at on our website. Dr. Robertson noted the list that was sent was very short and missing programs. Dr. Cezeaux asked what the difference was between the program pages and the student outcome pages. MARCOMM was putting together pages with two goals, HLC related with student outcomes and the second was helping with marketing the programs to increase search results. They are only in Phase I so they have several departments to go. Dr. Cezeaux is concerned there will be different pages that will be inconsistent.

## Strategic Plan

4:30 – 4:40

## College Highlight Reel

- Music Rights  
We are paying for a music use license and if we are not using it then we need to not contribute to the cost.  
**Action: Please send Andrea the list of music licenses your faculty are using or indicate if your faculty are not using any music in any form.**
- Faculty Training in Online Programs  
Dr. Johnson will be reaching out to the Deans who requested faculty teach online programs. Follow up to see who all completed the online course modules. Dr. Aulgur can run a list of those who have completed the course and those who have completed the course in the past. Dr. Cass would like a list of his faculty who have completed the course. Dr. Cass also completed the T2TOL himself.

- Dr. Aulgur suggested the adjunct training be addressed that was created three years ago and is no longer functional because the videos are on Tegrity.  
**Action: Dr. Aulgur will reach out to the Adjunct Support Committee to ask them to take the lead on revising the training video. It is his hope we can have the Blackboard shell functional before the spring term.**
- Admissions Request  
Mrs. Meredith Lawson emailed Dr. Johnson about the Deans participating in virtual college fairs in October. Would any programs be interested in participating in any of these virtual fairs? Dr. Johnson will respond and note that given the restructuring that Academic Affairs will not be able to participate.

4:40 – 4:45

#### Inclusive Curriculum, Faculty & Staff

Student complaints about free speech. Make sure your curriculum is inclusive and make sure the faculty member addresses any issues and uses it as a teachable moment. Applicants will need to be able to work with diverse groups.

4:45 – 5:00

#### Creative/Entrepreneurial Faculty/Staff (Denali)

Dr. Johnson requested faculty volunteers. Denali Water is seeking better ways to interact with the campus. Mr. Andy McNeil, CEO of Denali Water, is an alum from Auburn and Norte Dame. He has sponsored projects with Auburn and is impressed with the progress of their programs and the way they have grown and improved. Two things he talked about: offering a concurrent class, something that is online and content that is highly consumable. Second, he is interested in growing young people to come into environmental business while also inspiring young people to learn new things. Dr. Robertson recommended Dr. Doug Barron and Dr. Eric Lovely. Dr. Cezeaux would like to suggest the involvement of engineering and recommended Dr. John Krohn. Dr. Robertson suggested senior projects, Undergraduate Research projects and internships would be a good place for Mr. McNeil's areas. Mr. McNeil also is interested in Accounting, business, etc. and possibly teaching a course at some point. Dr. Cezeaux suggested we explore the RockLine model and how they are interacting with the high school. Dr. Aulgur suggested we define what we want IPBL to be. What is the program plan, strategic plan, or assessment plan?

**Action: Dr. Johnson will reach out to Mr. Sikes for the RockLine model.**

**Action: Dr. Johnson will schedule a meeting with faculty within the next week to discuss some creative solutions for working with Denali.**

**Action: Dr. Johnson and Dr. Aulgur will schedule a follow-up meeting with Denali within two weeks of meeting with the faculty.**

5:00 – 5:10

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- Course Fees
  - Begin to think about course fees and differential tuition.
- Deans, please be thinking about the budget and restructuring but also how we are going to get the faculty to transition to integrate technology in the classroom and to look at the world differently. Students in high school now are going to be accustomed to using technology and will expect it to be used when they enter college. She mentioned we are Arkansas Tech and need to embrace our technological foundation.

5:10 – 5:15

Announcements, Future Agenda Items  
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Adjournment