

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES and MATHEMATICS

Minutes of Chairs Council Meeting – November 11, 2013

A meeting of the Chairs' Council of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics was held Monday, November 11, 2013. All chairs were present. Associate Dean, Dr. Ginny Adams, was absent. Dr. Joanna Castner Post was a guest.

Agenda Items:

1. Dr. Joanna Castner Post, Director of UCA Core, addressed the council regarding the pilot assessment process for this semester and spring 2014 semester. Dr. Castner Post asked the chairs to examine the assessment rubric and determine what, if any, changes need to be addressed. Following the discussion Dr. Castner Post excused herself.
2. Minutes from the 11-4-13 CoC meeting were approved as amended.
3. Dean Addison discussed capital equipment spending with the chairs.
4. Dean Addison asked the chairs to send comments on the proposed changes to the Faculty Handbook to Provost Runge.

Miscellaneous Announcements and Reminders:

1. Dean Addison reminded the council of chairs that a meeting with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) would take place in the Wingo Board Room following the CoC meeting and encouraged the chairs to attend. Dr. Addison also reported on the HLC meeting that he attended earlier in the day.

Chairs Reports:

Biology:

- Dr. Cash reported that on November 8th Dr. Ginny Adams attended the board meeting of Meadowcreek, Inc. Meadowcreek, located near Fox, AR, is a 1600 acre preserved dedicated to sustainable education, recreation and wildlife preservation. The feasibility of UCA establishing a field station at Meadowcreek was discussed.

Chemistry:

- No report.

Computer Science:

- No report.

Math:

- No report.

Physics:

- Dr. Frederickson reported that on Friday, November 18th Dr. Katherine Mack from Melbourne, Australia will address the SPS Google Hangout to discuss dark matter.

STEM Institute:

- No report.