

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics  
Council of Chairs Virtual Meeting Minutes  
April 18, 2022

**Topics Discussed:**

- Science Education position has been cancelled due to enrollment in STEM being down, Teacher Education is also down.
- Chairs are to check current and potential students' schedules for accuracy, ensuring they are taking the classes that are needed.
- There is a scholarship change at U of A to awards being given to 3.8 GPA for out of state students, this will help UCA, students with less than 3.8 GPA may opt for UCA.
- Departments are to be mindful that student numbers have gone down, but faculty staffing numbers have not reduced to reflect the drop in students.
- Departments are to be mindful of the student/teacher ratio, this should be kept in mind when setting schedules with workloads in mind. Ideally workload hours should be about 20 hours.
- Enrollment may drop 3% for the next 8 years.