

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Council of Chairs Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2023

Topics Discussed:

- There has been a lot of consolidation among college science departments across the state. Some examples are Chemistry with Physics; Chemistry with Physics and Geo Science; Natural Science with Biology. Pre covid most science departments were stand alone, but with rising salary costs and low student enrollment, this is an effort to make the departments more productive.
- A hiring committee has been set up to look for a new Provost.
- Preview Day is November 10, 2023
- Grants – a big focus is with INBRE proposals, applications have been declining every year. Of the state, UCA is the biggest competitor, it is encouraged that those numbers increase and diversify. There will be no theme in the future, just the requirement that it be health related.
- Congratulations to Dr. Yoder on the equipment award from IMBRE