Announcements, Information Sharing and Calendar Reminders

- The BOR has approved the BS in Film and Video Production
- Waiting on approval for BS in History
- Eboo Patel will be the speaker for the Folger speaker series (COE) on October 15. He will be speaking on religious diversity. This topic was determined by a student survey sponsored by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.
- The media degree in COE is to undergo a name change to distinguish it from Mass Communications.
- The college student affairs administration degree will be separated from counseling, but there will still be some counseling courses in the degree.
- BB&T Lecture Series (RCOB) will feature Benjamin Raymond on September 24.
- Groundbreaking for new Roy Richards, Sr. Hall will be October 18.
- The American Democracy Project is live-streaming presidential candidates who visit Kean University.

Interdisciplinary Studies – Andy Walter

- Dr. Walter presented ideas from a proposal for a masters degree in interdisciplinary studies. This proposal is the result of work of the committee assembled to study this idea. Models from other universities were studied and the committee decided to use defined pathways (think of concentrations in an undergraduate degree). There will be three courses that will be included in any of these degrees – an introductory course in research methodology, a course in narrative writing, and a capstone course. The degree will require 33 hours.
- Pathways would be treated as new programs and go through the curriculog process. Students would choose a pathway prior to admission and work with the specific graduate director of that pathway. There is ongoing discussion about the logistics of the degree and how this will work in reality.

Accreditation/SACS Fifth Year – Cathi Jenks

- The report is due March, 2020. All program coordinators/directors need to have an updated CV on the website by December.
- One more check needs to be completed on the Google sheet of coordinators/directors to make sure all is up to date (for fall semester) and there are no last minute changes.
- On the off campus instructional sites section – need to verify all programs are in the correct percentage threshold area of the table.
- Review the list of online programs to ensure that all are being delivered asynchronously.
- Accreditation – IEA needs copies of reports to accreditation bodies. The final SACS report will only needs those recognized by DOE.
- Dr. Jenks will send the Google docs link again to the deans.
Budget Development – Dr. David Jenks and Lucretia Gibbs

- The tuition revenue reduction for this year is approximately 3.1 million dollars, due to decreased enrollment.
- Budget planning discussion for academic affairs includes redirections, budget cuts, and new funding requests.
- There will be a separate exercise for operational funding to replace loss in eTuition funding.
- Redirection – things that are already being done, and those things that are proposals.
- Cuts – these are proposed cuts. Dr. Hoff stated that the COE cuts have already been implemented. This exercise will be used as a starting point for discussion if budgets are reduced in FY2021.
- New requests – The overall request was for 20 positions (faculty and staff). The group will need to decide which of these requests will be put forward to the board. This list will also be used internally. We will meet next Tuesday at 11:00 to rank the list of requests. Deans will send their ranked list to Lucretia to compile before this meeting.
- We will continue our current year discussions – ie, critical hires, etc.
- Cuts for the current tuition revenue shortfall are in discussion, and final decisions are to be determined.