Minutes, Deans and Chairs Meeting July 31, 2023, via Zoom

Hub Brown called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Funding Update

- Brown discussed the increase in funding and list of ideas generated at prior meeting.
- Brown shared that President Sasse plans to meet with CJC Faculty in August to talk about his strategic priorities.

Retreat Update

Bennett discussed agenda and leaders of break-out groups. Discuss strategies and focus in on goals.

Conferences

- Brown mentioned the interest group conferences and our lack of a coordinated strategy around those.
- Graham mentioned student involvement in the conferences and that some student groups are currently looking for advisors.

Department Check-ins

- Kropp mentioned 106 students graduating this summer, 120 or so new students starting this fall.
- Coche said she is officially Interim Chair now, mentioned two top-paper awards at AEJMC.
- Goodman said working on assessment,
- Reynolds has been invited to discuss UF Engaged with Central HR. Looking at Faculty Orientation on Aug. 15 in Atlas Lab. She also discussed essential personnel and documentation that needs to be completed for those employees.
- Hutchens discussed new PR faculty
- Babanikos mentioned new UFO adviser, preview increase in CJC students, Cannes study abroad trip.
- **DiStaso** working on research Fridays, RA appointments, HOW TO info sheets for website, how to do social media better, she also complemented Summer Media Institute.
- Graham mentioned student organizations, officially starting "Caffeine with the Deans" first one is August 30
- **Spiker** mentioned two new degree plans starting this fall. Working closely with INC. Thanked Steve Kippert for his hard work in the equipment room.
- **Chen** mentioned virtual exchange programs, social media featuring recent graduates was well received, engagement increased 300 percent. Three new faculty members joining in the fall.
- Carpenter said he's been here 28 days now, getting to know everyone and find partnerships with other Centers. Look at grant opportunities, working toward future projects with needs assessments.
- **Karaoglanian** discussed stations fundraising. Working on Antique Roadshow event, travel and development meetings, picking up where Margaret left off.
- Kiousis mentioned accreditation self-study year and preparation is in the works.
- Sowell discussed working on WUFT Audit.

Open Discussion

• Brown opened the floor to discussion.

Brown thanked the Deans and Chairs and closed the meeting at 2:46pm.

Attendees:

Roxane Coche, Huan Chen, Keisha Reynolds, Spiro Kiousis, Evan Kropp, Robyn Goodman, Hub Brown, Myiah Hutchens, James Babanikos, Marcia DiStaso, Katrice Graham, Ted Spiker, Natalie Karaoglanian, Nathan Carpenter, Randy Bennett, Laurent Burman

Meeting adjourned at 2:46pm Zenna Brown