**Chairs Meeting Notes**

**April 16, 2025**

* President is active with legislative communications.
	+ Example: a proposed bill that will remove the requirement that students buy a meal plan if they live in the dorm.
		- Bill still in flux.
		- Cannot have an account like Sodexo if the bill passes. SE would need to run their own café, which would be more expensive.
	+ We have a staff plan. It is the lowest cost option.

Q: Is there extra appropriations for universities exceeding expectations?

* Brett Elliot is stepping away from being Gen Ed Director.
	+ Looking for someone to take over.
	+ Have considered pairing them with Dyanna Bowen to analyze data
* Please encourage faculty for nominations for Gen Ed Director
	+ May become a temporary add-on to Susan Ronnenberg’s duties.

Q: Is Gen Ed Assessment consistent with OU?

Q: Are we over-testing students?

* State (OSRHE Board)
	+ Looking back – Low productivity reports
	+ ASCU – Not every school needs every major
	+ State rep. – 1-2 have gone to the OSRHE meeting and said the same. They are not interested in our current justification system.
	+ Their point-of-view is to fix it or get rid of it.
	+ The list is 55 programs. 9 of the programs are low performing.
		- Waiting to see what it means
		- Shared governance forum – President will present pieces of the affordability plan.
	+ Evaluating academic structure
	+ The desire is not to get rid of programs.
		- If we choose not to get rid of programs, they may not approve new programs.

Q: Will we share faculty with sister schools?

* Budget
	+ Legislature is proposing a flat budget
		- Taking out appropriation for mandatory cost like insurance.
		- Next year, potentially 1 million in the hole.
* Summer enrollment
	+ Doing well for summer enrollment.
	+ 2% increase in SU enrollment.
	+ 15,000 credit hours in Summer, up slightly.
		- Need as much course dispersion as possible.
	+ Difficult for us last year to hit target.

Q: Dispersion?

* + - * Adding seats
			* Pushing caps
			* We are in good shape now
* Shelly Key tells us they anticipate a 5% increase in enrollment.
	+ Could easily lean towards 10%
	+ An uptick in Fall.

Q: What is the target number?

* + - * Target number has not been developed yet.
* Textbook adoption
	+ 98% for Summer
	+ 92% for Fall
* Commencement numbers
	+ 859 applied for graduation
		- 320 undergraduates
		- 539 graduates
		- 521 students plan to attend commencement
* Council Meeting on April 30.

Q: Is there a Library Committee?

* + Yes
	+ Do we get to request books?
		- No one has a Liaison
		- Can request books directly from Sandra Thomas

Q: Are we advising international students not to leave the country?

C: Faculty with green cards should be in contact with immigration attorney if leaving the country.

* Undergraduate student ceremony is being run by NASA. It is not a university function.
	+ President will not formally speak.