**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.