

DEANS COUNCIL
March 14, 2023
Minutes

The Deans Council met on Tuesday, March 14 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the Board Room in Koch

Arts & Letters – The chairs agreed with 12-month appointments and no leave payout after two years.

Business – All department chairs are on 10-month appointments with a stipend. Twelve-month appointments are preferred, but the funding is not available.

Education and Professional Studies – The chairs agreed with the guidelines developed by the Deans.

Engineering and Technology – All department chairs are on 11-month appointments. The goal is to move to 10-month appointments with a special contract for summer.

Health Sciences – New chairs will be on 12-month appointments; 10-, 11-, or 12-month appointments could be used in the future.

Sciences – The chairs generally agreed with the guidelines developed by the Deans. Future appointments could be for 10, 11, or 12 months.

6. Graduate Health Insurance

Robert Wojtowicz discussed several concerns related to graduate student health insurance. United Health Care will not raise premiums. However, the University funded the 25% increase in the premiums last year, and it is unclear whether the University will cover this cost for the upcoming year. Health insurance is voluntary for ODU graduate students, but EVMS requires health insurance for their students. We will not be able to have two different policies. Austin Agho stated it is time that we begin discussions about how to handle graduate health insurance.

7. Announcements

- A. Austin Agho asked for the names of three-four faculty from each college to participate in the upcoming Budget Summit. Staff may be nominated and the Deans may nominate themselves.
- B. There is no feedback yet on budget requests. Special fee requests will be considered after tuition and fees are confirmed. There will be an open forum on tuition.
- C. Austin Agho reminded the Deans to send agenda items for the Academic Affairs Leadership Team, Deans Council, and the President's Leadership Team.