

Academic Dean's Council
Wednesday, March 12, 2025
10:00 am

1. Beyond the Books Event is this Saturday. Dr. Anthony Eldridge will give a 15-minute presentation, and others can pitch in. Ask Mandy for her PowerPoint, and Loretta will present it. We will meet in HPESS 245 at 9:00 am for set-up. Faculty may meet at 10:15 am.
2. New Student orientation. Two dates have been scheduled. COEBS is scheduled for May 22 and an all majors is scheduled for July 29. Mandy and Taylor will give the presentation. We will do a college table and ask faculty to attend, if possible. We will use the luau theme from last year.
3. Dr. Hux asked the Chairs to let Kassie know if they have plans to be away from campus during Spring break.
4. Dean Hux asked the Chairs to please be aware of all fiscal year deadlines and share the necessary information with others in their department who may need to know.
5. The COEBS Budget has been updated and the College has detailed plans to spend down before the end of the semester.
6. There are several faculty members presenting at Create@astate on March 19th. The college faculty appreciation day is March 18th from 11:00-3:00 pm. We will host a potluck in the Dean's office.

ADC Updates

1. Course prefixes are indeed changing to standardized listing. The remainder of the state will use the course codes created by UofA. It will now be a five-digit number. This will take effect July 1, 2025.
2. Make sure tenure track faculty are active in research. Non-tenure track must teach 15-hour course loads.
3. Hiring plans coming soon. They are for the 2026-27 school year.
4. The annual evaluation of faculty members must be specific and include whether areas of improvement are needed.
5. All PRT applications have been sent forward to the university committee. 4, 5, and 6-year letters are due March 13. Non-tenured evaluations/letters for reappointment are due to the dean by April 9th
6. Pack empowerment celebration flyers were shared with the chairs. Please ask faculty to distribute them.

Department updates

Dr. Pimpleton-Gray:

- BS Psychology program continues to go through the self-study process.
- Clinical Mental Health program is going through CACREP accreditation.
- Department is hiring new work-study students.
- Continuing to go through the hiring process with BA and School Psych programs.

Dr. Shaw:

- Two faculty members have published an AI companion guide for special education teachers.

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Dr. Grymes:

- The Department of Teacher Education has lost five faculty members, within one year, across all campuses.

Dr. Wheeler-Gryffin:

- Exercise Science program review will take place on April 4, 2025. There will be two program reviewers. One individual will be on campus and the other will participate virtually.
- There will be a scheduled training for department members interested in using the new Anatomage table. This is a Digital 3D anatomy table created using digitized images of cadavers.

Dr. Bowser:

- Continues to working on summer camp and is considering expanding it to five weeks, in the future.