1.      Updates on Graduate School Dean Search - Rene and Steve *There are five finalists. The first one was yesterday. An external candidate is going to be on Thursday. Then three more next week.*

2.      Mathematica renewal - Mikel *We decided to not renew this year. Do more of an a la carte approach. 10 teacher and 50 student seats. Negotiations are currently in the contract phase in Jaggaer and won't be complete before the previous license expires. Mikel is working to see if we can get a grace period so there won't be any interruptions of service. Stay tuned.*

3.      PREP Grant - Dustin Internal grant mechanisms - *This is a remodeled internal grant mechanism the spring - goal is to promote collaborations that will lead to major grants.  Announcement will be coming soon.*

4.      Advancement Priorities by Department (One added question): *Chairs were asked to revisit that survey to add the added question and/or modify and add other needs.*

        5.      P&T Policies/Hiring Policies/Advisory Board - Jim *Although the P&T policy is in the process of being revised at the University level, we still have to follow what the current policy says.   If you have questions, please ask Jim or Rene. The Dean is working with a few former advisory board members to draft a new charter. We will be looking to create a new board and meet for the first time in the spring semester. Chairs were asked to provide names of potential members. Please send names to Jim and for now, please do not contact them yourself.*

6.      Graduate Academic Standing/Probation

 W Graduate Academic Standing.docx  - Rene *Wanted to make sure that everyone has had an opportunity to look over the revised policy description. They are going to talk about it tomorrow. There is no way to come off the probation levels automatically right now. The only way to check the grades of "C"s is to do it manually in DegreeWorks.*

7.      GA/GTA Support - Share Best Practices - All
   a)  How do you allocate?
        i)      MS, Ph.D., DA
   b)  What is the duration?
   c)  What are the responsibilities?

d) What percentage of Grad students have GTA/GA support? (M.S., Ph.D.)

e) Ideas on how to increase funding?

*Each Department chair shared how GTAs were assigned and expectations for the 19 hours of work. No clear path to creating more positions other than increasing the amount of GRA positions requested in individual grant applications.*

8. Tau Beta Pi - Engineering & Computer Science Chairs

*Discussion of the value of having a chapter.*

*Dean is supportive of continuing with the current chapter as an opportunity to recognize the scholarly accomplishments of students and an opportunity for student leadership development.*

*Chairs are tasked with helping find a new faculty advisor.  The new advisor will get support from the Dean's office, the Tau Beta Pi National organization and potentially ISU alumni involvement.*