

Aug 18, 2026 | 📅 CoSE Chairs & Directors Mtg

Notes

1. Welcome Back – Introductions, New Roles
 - a. Minhaz Zibran- Assoc Dean (Undergrad Student Success)
 - b. Leif Tapanila- Assoc Dean (Research and Graduate Programs)
 - c. Jay Broda is back as Math and Sciences advisor
2. Announcements
 - a. Dylan will be on parental leave most of this semester. Announcement will go out on how students will get support.
3. Committee of the Whole Discussion
 - a. Can the college implement this starting this year? Discussion followed concerning barriers.
4. Review of the Past Year Restructuring
 - a. Dustin McNulty will serve as Department Chair for NE, HP, and Physics
 - b. Chad Pope will serve as Program Director for NE and HP
5. Enrollment Data Presented
 - a. Graduate enrollment about the same as last two years
 - b. Undergraduate enrollment drop of 7-8% as of now - need to understand why.
6. CoSE Goals for AY27
 - a. Increase Retention and Graduation rates
 - i) Build Community (sense of belonging)
 - ii) Improve academic support
 - iii) Early authentic experiences early in college
 - iv) Evaluate and Recommit to Effective Teaching
 - b. Support and Mentorship for New Faculty
 - c. Improve Fiscal Health of Programs
 - i) Expand financial literacy
 - ii) Focus on improving contribution margins
 - d. Expand Network of external Partners
 - i) New CoSE Advisory Board – First Meeting October 9, 2026
 - e. Enhance the Faculty and Staff Experience
 - i) Update policies
 - ii) Space Management
7. Department Goals
 - a. Each Chair should bring four goals to discuss with Jim in their next one-on-one. Add these to the 1:1 meeting agenda.
 - b. Goals should be attainable, specific, and measurable.

- c. One goal should relate to retention.
- 8. This Week's Events – Future Coordination
 - a. Blair and Jim have formed a new Advisory Board for the College.
 - b. Looking for EPIC space manager funding for five years.
 - c. Major CoSE investment
 - d. Operations will be primarily supported by donations.