Oct 13, 2026 | CoSE Chairs & Directors Mtg

Attendees: Bruce Savage, Logan McDougall, Dustin McNulty, Steve Chiu, April Robinson, Patrick Rault, Janet Loxterman, Anish Sebastian, Andy Holland, Blair Devenberg, Evan Johnson, Jim Widmann, Denise McReynolds, Leif Tapanila, Minhaz Zibran

Notes

- Announcements/Dean's Council Updates
    - New Requirement for a signed Confidentiality Agreement for faculty and students taking part in the 3rd-year Review Process and Promotion and Tenure.
    - The Confidentiality Form can be found on the AA website under Faculty Affairs: https://www.isu.edu/academicaffairs/faculty-affairs/promotion-tenure--stop-the-clock/
    - Assumed that this is not needed for PPR; Leif will investigate.
- Lockdown Drill October 20, 2026 approx: 9:15 am-Jim
    - Go to an indoor location with no windows
    - The drill will last approximately 10 minutes
    - https://www.isu.edu/news/2026-fall/all-isu-campuses-lockdown-drill-october-20-2026.html
        - *Members of the campus community are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the lockdown procedures outlined in the Emergency Action Plan: lock doors, turn off lights, move out of sight, remain silent, and prepare to avoid danger or, as a last resort, defend yourself. Students, faculty, and staff should also understand the difference between the terms "lockdown" and "Shelter-in-Place" that the University may use during an emergency.*
- Discuss Block Grants-Jim/Evan
    - Block Grant Distribution provided in slides
- National Rankings Collection-Request from President Wagner
    - President Wagner asked the Deans to research ISU program rankings across various publications.
    - Rankings are due next Friday, Oct 20.
    - Please send to Minhaz and include the source (with link).
- Pregnancy & Parenting Accommodations
    - Refer students to the Title 9 office
    - Don't make accommodations before talking to the Title IX office; follow their direction. They will come to you to determine a plan.
- ISU Nuclear Academy and CoSE

    - Other disciplines in CoSE will be involved in the Nuclear Academy, and Jim invited Chairs to a follow-up meeting with the interim NA Program Manager.
    - Discussion will focus on existing and new programs that should be under this umbrella.
    - What courses, labs, and facilities support the vision?
        - A follow-up meeting is set up with Chairs and Anca Matcovschi for October 20.
    - A separate meeting with the Nuclear Engineering faculty will be set up for the week of Nov 1.
    - Albion is providing leadership in marketing, project planning and business evaluation for Nuclear Academy.
- Retention Goals
    - Jim told Chairs to start thinking about quantifiable goals and discuss their goals with Minhaz during their upcoming meetings.
- Programs decide whether to accept a 90-credit bachelor's degree student into graduate programs
        - Programs should consider evaluating students on a case-by-case basis.

Action items

- [ ] Leif will look into the Confidentiality Agreement requirements and get back to Jim and the Chairs with additional information.
- [ ] Jim asked the Chairs to forward names of students they recommend to participate in the gubernatorial event scheduled for Oct 26. See KISU for more information.
    - [ ] No information in ISU News, the KISU-FM events calendar, or the ISU events listing about this yet. Stay tuned.
        - [ ] https://www.kisu.org/events-calendar-psas
        - [ ] https://www.isu.edu/calendar/
        - [ ] https://www.isu.edu/news/campus/