

Academic Committee Meeting
October 2, 2020
9:00-10:00AM
ZOOM

Attendees:

Bagchi, Rajesh
Carlson, Kevin
Hunnings, Kay
Khansa, Lara
Maher, Jack
McGehee, Nancy
Mitchell, Elizabeth
Russell, Robin
Singal, Vijay
Sumichrast, Robert

Absent:

Boyle, Kevin
Ghandforoush, Parviz
Gnyawali, Devi
Hall, Janice Branch

Recording Secretary

Ridpath, Kimberly

Minutes/Action Items/Announcements

Operating and staff allocation to departments

The purpose of this meeting is to continue discussing the allocation model, specifically focusing on allocations associated for operations and staff. Sumichrast invited Vijay Singal to share his thoughts on altering the model. Singal noted that the original model proposed a weight of 70% on SCH and 25% on majors. He explained his belief that a weight greater than 25% on majors would incentivize departments to strengthen their programs, if necessary, to attract even more majors to Pamplin. More Pamplin majors would increase student credit hours and PIBB funding for all departments and the college as a whole. Nonetheless, Singal was supportive of the original proposal as well as all other department heads. The committee had an open discussion and shared some of their thoughts. Jack Maher stressed the importance of collegiality through this difficult time. Rajesh Bagchi shared that it would be valuable to consider the proportion of core courses each department has and accordingly the WSCH's that would impact. Nancy McGehee indicated that the uniqueness of each department and what they contribute to a well-rounded college is also an important aspect. Robin Russell indicated that we will not fully know the impact of the new model until we utilize it for some time. After further discussion, the consensus was to adopt the model as originally proposed.