

# **A Dean Working Group Report Spring 2022**

## **Membership**

### **Co-Chairs:**

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### **Members:**

#### **College of Arts and Letters**

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#### **College of Health and Behavioral Studies**

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#### **College of Business**

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#### **College of Education**

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#### **Honors College**

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## **Libraries**

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## **The Graduate School**

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## **University Studies**

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**Charge:** The A-Dean Working Group (ADWG) is charged with providing faculty members working at the A-dean level the opportunity to share knowledge, collaborate to develop effective strategies for college/unit-assigned activities, and provide feedback to academic leadership on problems and emerging issues.

The A-Dean Working Group will:

1. Foster peer-to-peer learning and strengthen relationships across colleges/units through regular meetings and collaborative problem exploration
2. Explore challenging division-wide problems and emerging issues identified by the deans, vice provosts, and provost to provide possible solutions

## **Summary of Current Semester Activity:**

- The working group was assembled and given their charge on March 22, 2022. The co-chairs then met on Friday, March 25, 2022 for an initial planning session, followed up by meetings with Jennifer Campfield (March 29, 2022) and Melinda Wood (April 6, 2022).
- On April 13, 2022 (3:30-4:30), the working group had their first meeting and met with Melinda Wood to explore the mission/vision of CHOICES – particularly the balance between the university focus and college/unit focus – and to look ahead at larger questions: *How can Admissions and Colleges/Units better coordinate communication and outreach to admitted students? What are the challenges that need to be addressed? What are the opportunities, moving forward?*

- One of the action items from the April 13, 2022 meeting was to solicit members from the working group to form an admissions-focused sub-group who would work with Melinda. The co-chairs asked members of the group to identify if admissions/recruitment was a part of their role and, if so, to indicate if they were willing to serve on this subgroup. Also, the co-chairs invited members to go back to their colleges to verify who would be the best person for this role (if not them). Ultimately, the co-chairs wanted to make sure that the admissions subgroup is bringing the right people together for this important work.

**Future Work Planned:**

- The working group has a meeting scheduled for May 25, 2022 (12-1) at which time we plan to discuss how we want to move forward as a working group – including our scheduling for summer, and our fall work structure.
- The co-chairs hope to meet with Jennifer Campfield and Elizabeth Oldmixon in early June to talk about the goals of the VPFCP and to schedule a meet and greet with Elizabeth and the A - Dean Working Group in the summer. We envision this as more of a social event than a working meeting.