

**AGENDA**  
**Council of Chairs**  
**March 22, 2012**  
**Goodwin Forum**  
**Meeting Time: 10:00 – 12:00**

**1. Announcements**

- a. Enrollment pressures at the system level
- b. Accommodation furniture in classrooms

**2. Topic: Budget Update**

**Attachment:** None

**Background:** The budget situation remains uncertain. If the initiative does not pass and tuition is not raised, HSU will get a base-budget reduction of at least 5 million dollars in AY 12/13. We have a plan for how to manage next year but not the year after. The Governor was successful in getting the most popular competing budget initiative (the millionaire's tax) to join him in a compromise initiative. If the initiative can qualify for the ballot, it is now more likely to pass. The Legislature is waiting for the May revise, to see how revenue collection is progressing, and a June election before making any difficult choices. Look for its budget proposal sometime between middle June and early July.

**Action:** Answer questions.

**3. Topic: HOP**

**Attachment:** None

**Background:** As you may recall, the Office of Enrollment Management came to this group in early fall with a suggestion that we separate registration from orientation for HOP, proposing that we register students online during the summer and provide orientation at the beginning of the semester. Given input at that meeting we decided to adopt this strategy for incoming freshmen. (We already do this for transfer students.) In order to make online registration possible for first-time freshmen, we must provide clear, program-specific registration instructions.. Hence the request for course maps and video scripts from all programs. Unfortunately, though we are well past the deadline for submitting materials, HOP has not heard from about one-third of the programs and another third are missing some materials.

**Action:** This is an opportunity to discuss the project, ask questions, voice concerns and come to agreement on how we can work together to make online registration successful for first-time freshmen.

**4. Topic: Degree Maps**

**Attachment:** None

**Background:** I am concerned that the four-year degree maps are not particularly useful for students as roadmaps for how to complete the degree. If we are to achieve our goals of reducing time to graduation and managing program size, as described in the new Enrollment Management Plan, an effective strategy is to set appropriate milestones and benchmarks for successful degree completion at all levels, in both the major and in all-university requirements. For example, successful students in X should complete these courses as a Freshmen, these as a Sophomore, etc. Sometimes, these milestones are accompanied with GPA minimums. There are a variety of models. They are designed to

guide students through programs, facilitate changing programs sooner rather than later (many of our students change majors) and focus attention on problems with timely progress to graduation.

**Action:** General discussion of how effective the current degree maps are, and how best to guide students successfully through their degree programs while reducing time to graduation.

**5. Topic:** Managing Department Chair and ASC Workload

**Attachment:** None

**Background:** More and more requests go to department from a variety of places on campus. I am concerned that departmental chairs and ASCs are struggling with how to organize, prioritize and respond to all these requests.

**Action:** General discussion of the problem and possible solutions.

**6. Topic:** Other

**Attachment:**

**Background:**

**Action:**