

Just a brief update since our Faculty and Staff meeting on Friday.

As you've heard from the RCAH FAC, plans for teach-ins are moving forward quickly. LBC and JMC now seem eager to collaborate on a 3-residential college (3R) teach-in or series of teach-ins. RCAH reps to the task force planning 3R's are Tama Hamilton-Wran and Eric Aronoff. They (or their 'designee' depending upon travel plans they already have) will be meeting soon with JMC and LBC reps on the task force.

At the same time RCAH FAC has collected names for RCAH teach-in plans that will include students. I'm sure you'll be hearing more about both of these projects from FAC and others very soon.

The deans (almost) all met for 4 hours on Sunday and 3 more hours on Monday to share information about what is going on in our respective colleges and plans that are being made. The teach-in idea was warmly received and several deans would like to be able to have their students on the invite list. The idea of taping it or livestreaming it was also suggested.

The other main topics were the structure of health care services and the need to reform the academic governance system. I shared with the deans the 2005 ad hoc Faculty Voice Report.

After our midday meeting on Monday we met briefly with the Provost and then with interim President Engler. The deans restated their desire to reform health care, to reform academic governance, and to create a culture of inclusion and consent on campus. He agreed with these goals but also stressed that his first job is to address some of the legal challenges and political problems the University faces such as state funding.

The deans have discussed creating a task a set of task forces to more effectively coordinate new initiatives but these haven't been set up yet.

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