

PROGRESS REPORT

Working Group Name: College of Arts and Sciences

Working Group #: 9

Chair: Tim Scott

Date: February 7, 2022

Update on Actions Taken Since Last Report:

This is the initial report. An introductory meeting with each member of the working group was held on February 2. Each member of the working group was in attendance, which is an early indicator of how serious they will take their charge. This meeting provided time for comments, feedback, and reminders to bring clarity to this work to build trust and community along the way. Dr. Scott challenged the group to think about how we do this work. What do we want to continue/start/stop doing in the Colleges of Geosciences, Liberal Arts, and Sciences?

The group recommended looking at Colleges of Arts and Sciences (CAS) at peer institutions to identify makeup, including “divisional” structure. Balance among faculty, discipline area match, and oversight of individuals the division is serving all need to be closely considered. Organizational charts, job descriptions, and job portfolios for the existing colleges will be gathered and shared so that it can be easily shared.

This group will also look closely at the responsibility of large introductory course sequences, as a majority of the core curriculum will be taught in this college and are critical to student success.

Sitting deans from aspirant peers will be engaged/invited to attend meetings in the future to provide their perspective on setup and leading a College of Arts and Science.

Next Major Issue to be Addressed:

The group will quickly need to determine whether divisions will be built from the student level up (find ways to break-down student population in manageable ways) or identify “divisions” that will house the many different departments that will work together in the CAS. Input will be gathered from peers as well as from TAMU populations.

The working group is also interested/invested in understanding more about the timing and process to name an interim dean for the CAS.

Problems or Barriers Encountered and Solutions Identified:

No problems or barriers identified at this point.

Deliverables Completed:

Other than working documents and information for the working group's use, there are no deliverables completed yet.

Timeline for Completion of Remaining Deliverables:

Upcoming deliverables and anticipated dates:

February 18 – Recommendations regarding CAS “divisions” delivered to the Strategic Implementation Committee (SIC)

March 4 – Recommendations regarding administrative organization/makeup of the CAS prepared for the SIC