

Provost's Strategic Planning Committee Meeting 3.03.22

Key Notes

- Provost gave the charge of the committee and emphasized that he does not have a predetermined plan for the college.
- While the focus of the meetings will be to heavily explore the option of a divisional structure for A&S, everything is on the table for consideration and discussion.
- The provost will act as chair and drive the meetings.
- The committee should engage regularly with other stakeholders in the college and the dean's office is currently working on setting up a website for college members to stay engaged.
- Members discussed the college's previous Humanities division, the current language in the Redbook about divisional structuring, and the need to protect smaller units from getting swallowed up.
- EAB presented information on national trends and projections in higher education, including divisional model examples ([see attached slides](#)). Most of the examples presented were for university-wide divisional restructures, not for individual units within a university system.
- Members had Q&A with EAB presenter, topics included the differentiation between a divisional head's typical duties versus a department chair's and reasons other universities have utilized divisional models.
- A member expressed concern about the possibility of division heads who are overseeing multiple departments being in a position to evaluate the work of faculty members whose disciplines they might not deeply understand.
- Future committee meeting dates and times were discussed.