# Summary - CNRS Chairs Meeting – February 6, 2014

## Announcements

* + Feb 13: EAB Kickoff event, GF, 9:00-10:15 am – may invite other faculty to attend.
	+ Feb 13: AHSS all-college social, Robert Goodman, 5:30-7:00 pm. Steve encourages all to attend.
	+ Feb 13: Jeri Echeverria, retired CSU Vice Chancellor, will be facilitating a presentation titled, “*How Do We Know We Are Leading,”* in the Great Hall from 1-3 pm. If chairs have time, please attend. All department faculty are invited to attend as well. Please sign up on the training site https://training.humboldt.edu/
	+ Feb 14: Department Chair election deadline for 2014/15
	+ Feb 14: Deadline to enter F’14 schedule into SPA
	+ Feb 18: FERP application deadline to college Dean
	+ Feb 21: Outstanding Student Award nominations due
	+ STEM workshop: Summer Institute on Improving STEM student achievement will be held July 8-10. Please email Steve if you have faculty that are interested in this opportunity. This is a workshop in July (5-8) designed for teams of faculty who are interested in transforming a course or two.
	+ Humboldt Loyalty Funds proposals are due to the Dean’s Office by no later than 12 noon on Monday, Feb 24th for consideration. Funding is for up to 20K per project and is for one-time costs only. Final funding decisions will be made by Apr 30. Please see handout for complete project submission guidelines.
	+ MSF funding: The CNRS has roughly 30K available for equipment and other MSF related expenditures. Please submit your proposals to the Dean’s Office no later than Wed., Feb 19th for consideration. Please remember that approved funding must be for something above and beyond regular classroom equipment that directly enhances the student learning experience.
	+ The search for a new Library Dean is currently underway. Steve stated that he would like to have a CNRS faculty member serve on this search committee. The new Dean would begin July 1. Please forward the names of interested faculty to him as soon as possible.

## Guest: Elizabeth Harrington

As a member of HSU’s eight-member GEAR committee, Elisabeth Harrington visited today’s chairs meeting to talk about the current draft of HSU’s Baccalaureate outcomes dated January 2014. By the end of the spring term, the committee plans to meet with faculty across campus to discuss and obtain feedback regarding the proposed outcomes. In preparation for their visit, Elisabeth asked chairs to encourage their faculty to review both handouts provided to enhance discussions. She also invited the CNRS faculty to attend the weekly GEAR committee meetings, Wed at 4 pm. Chairs asked a variety of questions surrounding assessment tools and processes and requested revising the current document to complement assessment language used by Ed Nuhfer and Rick Zechman. Also discussed was the evaluation of GE delivery and its incorporation into these suggested outcomes. Handouts for this discussion are available in the college office.

## Position Requests

Steve Smith asked chairs to deliver their position request proposals to the Dean’s Office by no later than 12 noon on Mar 5, as final decisions are due to the Provost shortly thereafter. Steve reiterated that Provost Snyder is cautiously hopeful that he *may* acquire funding for a total 15 positions across campus for the next year AY. This is not a final decision. Steve asked chairs to begin paperwork using the appropriate forms provided by APS. Final rankings will be forwarded to chairs for review before final submission. All agreed that this year’s position request decision process has been positive.

## Monty: co-listed and cross listed courses

As a member of the University Senate, Monty announced that Provost Snyder will no longer approve co-listed or cross-listed courses until a University policy is developed. In response, Monty, in his role as chair of the senate academic affairs committee, will work to develop a policy. He has asked for input and an *ad hoc* CNRS committee (Dave Hankin, Chris Dugaw (via Tyler Evans), Bruce O’Gara and Jeff Abell will provide input on the CNRS perspective. He asked chairs to forward any information and data to support the development of the new policy to him at (mmm67) or Jeff Abell (ja49).

## Prerequisite courses

Steve Smith stated that due to a recent prerequisite issue, he asked chairs to talk with department faculty about prerequisite or corequisite courses for each major. In general prerequisite and corequisite courses should not be waived for students. If faculty determine that specified pre- or co-requisite courses are not essential to student success in a particular course, they should be removed as a requirement.

## Chemistry 109 update

Monty reported positive information surrounding performance rates in the redesigned Chem109 curriculum. Overall, student success rates improved about 12% with the redesign. Frosh success is strikingly lower (both before the redesign and after) than sophomores, juniors and seniors who take the course. The department proposes creating a frosh only Chem 109 section for the fall. While URS success rates improved about the same as the overall student population, there is still about a 10 point gap between URS and non-URS performance. Nonetheless, the results are encouraging.

The next CDC meeting is February 20, 9-10:50 am, BSS 508.