CAS Dean’s Council Summary
April 16, 2014

Announcements:
- Dr. Hecimovich's research leave was extended through next academic year because he got a W.E.B. Du Bois fellowship.
- The Kinard fire alarm is still in need of repair. The current system is from 1986, so they're going to be replacing it this summer.
- Several students have been injured trying to close the windows in Kinard, so don’t open them. The AC units should be used instead. Also, as faculty leave for the summer, they need to leave their office units on low to avoid mold.
- Course evaluations: The pilot/beta study evaluations are open, and emails have gone out to students about them. Some will do the evaluation in class, others outside of class.
- Honor society cords and pins now ok at commencement. No stoles, medals, or non-honors pins on the outside of the gown. Only academic honor societies are included - not greek, service, leadership groups.

After-midsemester course enrollment management:
- The chairs discussed the most efficient and effective way to manage waitlists for these courses, and whether or not certain student populations should be given priority into the courses.

Adult student bachelor’s programs:
- What can we do to better accommodate post-traditional students? As an institution, we're exploring possibilities for an adult education center, with a dedicated building that includes parking, food, lounge, classrooms, computer labs, offices for student support people that are open outside of regular business hours, and a “one-stop shop” for admissions/advising/registration/etc. The grad school office would also be housed there, as would some flexible undergraduate things like the general business degree, and other very career-oriented tracks.
- The chairs discussed ideas for what CAS could do as a bachelor’s-level interdisciplinary/flexible degree option for adult students that could fit into this plan, and what the requirements for such a degree should be. Ideally, we'd like to get this started next year so we can start offering it in Fall 2015 (depending on CHE and SACS approval, of course).

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