

**The College of Arts and Sciences
Department Heads Meeting
April 16, 2012**

Dr. Camille called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. in the Arts and Sciences Conference Room, Walker 1-47. All heads were present except for Dr. Hanser who because of a prior meeting had to join the group later. The following items were discussed:

1. Welcome

--Dr. Camille welcomed heads

2. College Activities/Events

--UL Summit at McNeese on April 20, 2012; Summit to be held at ULM next year.

3. Budget Issues

--Dr. Camille reported a 6% budget cut, which works out to 781 thousand for CAS for FY 12-13. Over a 2-year period, the cut is projected to be 1 to 1.2 million.

--The question becomes how does CAS make these cuts. Dr. Camille noted 5 possibilities including

--Strategic scheduling that led to cuts in PTOL

--Elimination of numerous course releases

--Consolidation and re-organization of departments (see attachment)

--Program retrenchment

--Program elimination

--Meetings with heads have yielded some savings from PTOL and the elimination of course releases where possible; however, more cuts must be made. Dr. Camille then offered his plan for the consolidation and re-organization of programs within the College under 6 unit/division heads. Each unit head would have an associate head to assist with administrative duties. Any redesign must be in place by Fall 2012.

In addition, Dr. Camille noted that we will have to look at program re-trenchment. The least desirable option is program elimination, and an option he hopes to avoid. Dr. Camille asked heads to share this information with their faculty members.

Next meeting is scheduled for 3:30 P.M. on Monday, April 23, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

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