



## **COS, The College of Sciences Fall 2023 Dean Meeting**

### ***Reintroduction***

- Laurel Richmond | External Legislative Assistant | sgaela@ucf.edu
- Rianna Duke
- Sierra Holmes
- Hailey Donahue
- Tyler Barnett
- Preston Lacasse
- Gabriela Polera
- Allison Pohlman
- Benjamin Sandlin
- Andrea Vasquez
- Felipe Cairos Rivera
- Aiden DiChiara

### ***Open Floor for the Dean***

- Student Success
  - Retention
  - Graduating on time
  - Leave with applicable skills
    - Experimental learning
- Waitlisted class
  - Waitlist has been reduced significantly
- Ensuring opportunities to succeed in difficult classes
- Mentor program with alumni to build relations to ensure landing a job post graduation
- Looking to learn more about the transfer experience
  - Aiden: Each university is different, and as a peer knight, my job is to help this transfer. They don't focus on how to actually transfer, don't know where to start. Also, A2O is not that great as a database for scholarships as well.
  - **Dean Response: I hear this issue and understand.**
- Aiden: Have the advisors and dean meetings to refer students to talk to Peer Knights
- Laurel: Is there anything we can pursue based on your deans
  - **Dean Response: Noticing more students on campus. Attendance is on pre-pandemic level. Looking to increase faculty office hours, and what to know if faculty presence on person is important based on this increase of increased in**

### ***Initiatives***

- Equal Focus on Social Sciences
  - COS prioritizes more traditional STEM majors compared to the social sciences
  - Expand SI and SARC services to more social sciences



- **Dean Response: Needs some representation on what is lacking, some students aren't utilizing the resources that we are providing. Will find and send over the communication that we have to confirm this.**
- Collaborating with COS Ambassadors and Alumni Advocacy Board to Address Student Concerns and Priorities
  - Senate circulates COS ambassadors concern form
  - Senate and COS ambassadors have the same goal of approaching problems through concern forms
    - Establishing a meeting with COS ambassadors semesterly to boost cross collaboration
  - **Dean Response: Attempted to do this last year and did not hear back. Social media is a big part of the ambassador program. We have struggled with communication and social media, but collaborated.**
  - **Laurel: I wanted to establish wanting to meet semesterly with the ambassadors to talk about what we can collaborate on and build a relationship with them.**
- Advising Department within the COS
  - Increasing accessibility to appointments
  - Creating a chat box for the website that can answer simple advising questions and/or give them a link to schedule an advising appointment
  - **Dean Response: It is offered at the University Knights of Exploration office; they are looking to put it on the college website but not sure when. It is university led.**
- More Accessible Ways to Find Internships and Research Opportunities
  - Establishing an organized way to find opportunities
    - Right now, website has little ads, because flyers create a disparity in where to find opportunities
  - **Dean Response: I see how that can be helpful, this is the most common thing that students come to me about. We should think about how we can make it more organized.**
- Deans Speak at Open Forum Once a Semester
  - To provide an update to Senate on the initiatives
  - **Dean Response: That's good to know. One thing I've said before, they are good**
- Collaborate to Advertise the COS Instagram
  - Collaborate with bigger entities like ucf.edu
  - Establish a social media manager internship
    - Would allow for more accessible ways to find internship and research opportunities
      - Would be eye opening to students and provide a unique experience
  - **Dean Response: I think that's very important. We are looking to hire students in our marketing and social media group. We just changed directors for that unit so there'll be a bigger focus on engaging students now.**
- Class Availability
  - Overlap among classes
  - Classes needed to graduate are only being offered as honors so having to be audited
  - Update on creating space on campus for in-person classes:



- Dean response: It would be helpful to send over the survey, need help with presenting data so that it is backed up on. Also need to offer more times in the morning, but worried if it will be filled.