



Academic Chairs – Collaborative Leadership Increasing Quality TOGETHER



Discipline Specific Topics

The following are suggested topics obtained from the survey of
Chairs conducted in January

General

1. What are you buying with your budget?
2. Accreditation issues
3. Grants
4. Multidisciplinary Departments
5. Space constraints
6. Foreign language requirements

Visual Arts

1. Advocating for the arts
2. Staying current with technology for the arts
3. Recruiting difficulties due to salary constraints

Sciences

1. Physics and pre-engineering
2. High costs of labs and pressure to increase seats to off-set
3. Recruiting difficulties due to salary constraints

Social Sciences

1. Handling of scientific approach (statistics and experiment design) and research with psych students
2. How to get social sciences considered a science and not social studies
3. Being in the middle of science and humanities – organization/structure/attention
4. Space needs of social scientists
5. Celebrating Social Science's place in the liberal arts

Business

1. Recruiting difficulties due to salary constraints

Education

1. Assisting students with high-stakes testing
2. PDE updates/certification updates
3. Teacher ed recruitment – leading faculty to believe it's part of their job
4. Understanding CAEP standards and new federal policies about teacher prep

Non-classroom

1. Academic support issues
2. Library and Information science

Performing Arts

1. Advocating for the arts
2. Staying current with technology in the arts
3. Course credits/faculty work loads
4. Budget concerns for large item maintenance like pianos

Math/CIS/IT

1. Recruiting difficulties due to salary constraints

Humanities

1. Marketing the Liberal Arts
2. Advocating for the Liberal Arts against STEM privilege
3. Careers in the Liberal Arts
4. Foreign language requirements

Nursing

1. Coursework that meets requirements of more than one accrediting body so that students can know about other health care professions.