

AGENDA
PPROVOST'S COUNCIL
(with an invitation to those on the dept. chair list serve)
SEPTEMBER 2, 2009
Corbett Conference Room
Meeting Time: 10:00 – 12:00

1. **Announcements**

2. **Topic: College Reorganization**

Attachment: Deans Roles

Background: The colleges are currently looking at a reorganization in which some departments would be combined administratively. They would have one department chair but remain separate departments. At my meeting with department chairs interest was expressed in considering reorganization more broadly to include divisions, schools, department structure and even college functions. A number of chairs (Kim Berry, Brent Duncan, Matt Johnson, Saeed Mortazavi, John Meyer and Kathy Munoz) and Richard Bruce have expressed an interest in being part of this discussion. Others are welcome. The college deans and associate deans should also be part of this discussion. Others on the Provost's Council are welcome to attend but do not feel obligated. Those interested in a broader discussion need to come with ideas of what this would look like. As I have said all along, I am skeptical and need to be convinced that (1) it will reduce expenditures and (2) there is broad interest in undertaking such reorganization.

Action: Discuss the merits of various approaches to a broader reorganization effort and advise me on whether or not to undertake such a project.