



April Update

Dean's council update

- The main focus was to go over the new tool for academic analytics (UA presentation) and Htay discussed a number of IT related issues.
- The meetings' minutes are posted on the intranet.
- As a reminder: The dean's council meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month and the chairs of the faculty, APs, staff and student assemblies are welcome to submit an agenda item to Lorraine 10 days before the meeting to be 1) either discussed by the dean's council or 2) the chair or his/her representative can attend in person to present the issue to the council and be part of the discussion.

Dialogue with the Dean

I hosted the 3rd informal breakfast meetings with Aps and staff. I summarized below the main issues discussed at the meeting

- Would like to have a shared space available (Staff lounge) to encourage social interactions among MEZCOPH members. *Dean will explore some options in the first floor*
- Would like to have a lactation/ Breast feeding room for staff /APs. *Dean will work with MEZCOPH environment committee to enclose part of 3rd floor's mail room to be used as a lactation room.*
- Would like to learn more about the research activities/ skills of MEZCOPH Staff and APs across departments and units/projects to facilitate cross-collaboration and maximize utilization of resources. *Dean will bring to Htay to update/revise the old inventory and make it accessible to everyone.*
- Sharing space: The staff and APs would like to see a feasible, collaborative process for sharing space (mainly cubicles) between departments based on need and availability each semester especially when there are empty cubicles that might be used temporary by other departments based on needs and shortage. *Dean will bring to Department chairs for discussion and action.*

Save the dates

- The University Commencement is Friday, May 12 at 7:30 PM at the Arizona Stadium
- MEZCOPH Convocation is Saturday, May 13 at 9:00AM in Centennial Hall
- Spring College-wide retreat; Monday, May 15; 11:30-4:30PM