I. News from the college..........................
   a. Departmental announcements, updates, and introductions
      • Gil Engdahl, Agriculture
      • Kelly McCoy, Biology
      • George Shankle, Chemistry and Biochemistry
      • Tim Roden, Computer Science
      • Paul Swets, Mathematics
      • Leslie Mayrand, Nursing
      • Scott Hasson, Physical Therapy
      • Andy Wallace, Physics
   
   b. General Comments from Grady
      1) Reminder: Grady is transparent, optimistic, egalitarian, mission-driven,
         service-oriented and accessible! (But short on institutional memory).
         i. Some remarks on Depth, Professionalism, and Caring
      3) What did we accomplish last year (per HB1)?
         i. Identified a comprehensive list of student learning outcomes
            for each degree program.
         ii. Assessed at least three student learning outcomes for each
             degree program and use assessments to enhance degree
             programs.
         iii. Developed a program that assesses general education
             outcomes.
      4) College of Sciences Mission Statement:
         Promote inquiry, literacy, and service within the field of science.
      5) How does this fit into ASU Mission? Changes are coming
         i. Strategic and tactical approaches.
         ii. Deans collecting nominations for a new ASU Mission
             Committee.
      6) Dual Credit Update: On campus, likely late afternoon. Labs!!!
      7) 2008 Moon Lecture: Dr. Jeffrey Macklis, Stem Cell researcher, March
          31st and April 1, 2008. Ideas or nominations for 2009???
      8) Asbestos Remediation likely in Cavness this fall – More info next week.
         i. If it happens, which is almost certain, will involve closing
            each lab for 1 week during the first 10 weeks of class.
         ii. Remove all critical items from the building now.
      9) Is the IDEA working for you or against you?
         i. Be sure you have supplied the weighting factors
         ii. Add questions which highlight what you do best
         iii. Optimize your response rates (higher is better)
II. News from HQ...........................................

a. Major Study Committee recommendations on:
   1) Distance education
   2) Workload
   3) Promotion and Tenure

b. Internal Research Funds to be consolidated:
   1) Currently about $265K in several small pools.
   2) Funding caps to be removed.
   3) Grants to be aligned with strategic mission of ASU.

c. Reporting Reminders:
   1) All external grants must be routed through Grants Office (Diminnie)
   2) All gifts & affiliations reported to Development Office (McClung).
   3) Report any expert witness activity (see departmental chair) by 9/15.

d. Low enrollment summer classes still under scrutiny. Be aware!

e. Comments on FY08 Budget Process
   1) 3% across-the-board raises
   2) Substantial increases in departmental M&O
   3) Consolidation of funds at the VPAA level