Faculty Senate Updates
Jim Garrett shared his excitement as new Faculty Senate President. There has been a final call for Senators from a few departments, and he is scheduling the first meeting of Faculty Senate for Fall. He will have further updates at the September Leadership Council meeting.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Office Updates
Anneliese talked about the resources the DEI Office provided post-Charlottesville (resisting racism and anti-Jewish oppression) and at the beginning of the semester (e.g., pronoun guide, religious holidays) and discussed various consultations she had with faculty, staff, and students within and outside of the college. She discussed upcoming Fall DEI activities and events:

- **COE Faculty Roundtable** will be held on September 15 (Friday) from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. The event was last held in Fall of 2015. This year’s event is a great way to connect with other faculty to discuss topics important to faculty life (e.g., work-life balance, wellness, multicultural and social justice issues, faculty of color).

- **Staff Diversity Certificate Training Initiative in Partnership with SRG** – Anneliese is partnering with new SRG Chair, Melanie Peiper, to increase number of staff with the UGA Office of Institutional Diversity (OID) Diversity Certificate. She asked for unit leaders’ help to identify staff in their units who currently have the OID Diversity Certificate (http://diversity.uga.edu/index.php/programs/article/diversity-and-inclusion).

- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Graduate Certificate** - students can enroll now in this certificate. There is 1 core course and 4 elective courses. More information can be found on the Graduate Programs page of the COE website (https://coe.uga.edu/academics/non-degree/certificates/diversity-equity-inclusion).

- **Graduate Student of Color Mentoring Program** – launching this Fall. Student applications due September 15 (Friday) at 5:00 p.m.

- **DAWG Talks: Conversations That Matter** – There is a need for a conversation series about current DEI issues. The first Session is on September 26 from 4:45 – 5:45 p.m. room 116.

- **Exploring Privilege and Taking Action Group** - contact Anneliese to sign up or facilitate groups

- **There are continuing DEI Office activities and events as well for Fall:** 2017-18 DEI Speaker Series, African American Men’s Group; Safe Space
Training; Trans-Affirming Practices in the Education and Helping Professions; Ally/Community-Building Training

Office of Research and Graduate Education
Ellen Evans shared her excitement to be appointed Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Education. She is currently:
- Scheduling meetings with department heads
- Planning for a search for the Grants Coordinator IV position vacated by Kim Wright (Paula Alexander is performing these duties in the interim)
- Looking at revamping how systems and metrics are handled within the Research Office and looking to make positive changes within the next 6 months

Double Dawgs
Stacey Neuharth-Pritchett shared updates about this program:
- There were 7 proposals within the COE that moved forward
- Next steps are to promote these programs and engage in student recruitment
- Print and electronic materials are forthcoming

Scott Ardoin shared that students in these programs may be “brand-new” to some of the academic terms and constructs within COE disciplines, so may need some additional support in courses. Dean Kennedy thanked the department heads for their hard work in designing proposals with an interdisciplinary focus.