

PROVOST UPDATE

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Training for Department Heads and Chairs

Strategic Priority #2: Enhance Faculty Success

- Hosted a training session in December 2014 for Deans and Department Heads/Chairs
- Invited Dr. Cathy Trower, former Co-PI of the COACHE study and expert in faculty leadership
- Key outcomes:
 1. Meet 3-4 times annually
 2. Include incoming chairs
 3. Possible future training topics:
 - Increasing faculty rewards and recognition
 - Issues related to HR
 - Enhancing departmental culture
- Scheduled training for February and April 2015 (dates TBD)

Cluster Hire Initiative

Strategic Priority #3: Enhance Research and Scholarship

- Launched the Cluster Hire Initiative in October 2014
- Hosted eight faculty presentation sessions on topics highlighting possible cluster areas
- Nearly 50 faculty presented synopses of their scholarly work
- RFP was announced in December, deadline for submissions is February 15, 2015
- Presentations highlighted exciting work already occurring on campus and offered unique discussions about possible ways to advance Auburn's interdisciplinary work