ACS COUNCIL OF DEANS MEETING – DRAFT AGENDA
February 10-12, 2026
Furman University, Greenville, SC

Registration:
Register for the event here

Hotel:
Courtyard by Marriott Greenville Downtown, 50 W. Broad St., Greenville, SC 29601
Book accommodations here. The group cutoff date is January 9th, 2026. If you prefer to make reservations over the phone, please call the Central Marriott Reservations line at 888-236-2427. When calling, please be sure to provide the hotel code **GSPGD**, group name **"Furman University".**

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Location & Parking Information: A shuttle will be provided between the hotel and campus.

Interactive Campus Map

Wireless Information: pending

AGENDA

Time	Session Details	Location
Tuesday, February 10th		
5:40 PM	*Shuttle pick up to bring to dinner*	*Pick up outside of hotel lobby*
6:00 PM	**Dinner**	TBD
7:30 PM	**Roundtable** • What's going well? • What's challenging? • What are you looking to learn from others? *Reports are confidential and will not be included in minutes.*	
8:00 PM	*Shuttle back to hotel*	
Wednesday, February 11th		
7:40 AM	*Shuttle to Furman University*	*Pick up outside of hotel lobby*

8:00 AM	**Breakfast**	Hartness Pavilion
8:30 AM	**ACS Update**	Hartness Pavilion
9:00 AM	**Session 1: Faculty Development, AI in the Classroom and Beyond, and Institutional Approaches to AI** *Special guests: Diane Boyd, Executive Director, Faculty Development Center & Associate Dean for Faculty Development; Magdelyn Helwig, Writing Programs Director* Diane will share an update on the current state of faculty development – what she's seeing from her role and in her leadership of the ACS' midcareer program ACS-MAPP, as well as what we can learn from recent SOTL literature. Diane and Magdelyn will discuss opportunities to help faculty, staff, and students engage AI constructively. ACS colleagues will discuss their institutional approaches to AI. Magdelyn will close our session with an exercise that engages the group in play and experimentation with AI. Guiding questions: • What trends are we seeing in faculty development needs and opportunities? • What are we learning from SOTL? • How are faculty enhancing their teaching through creative, intentional use of AI? • What AI professional development offerings are most valuable and effective for faculty and staff? • How are our institutions leveraging AI for administrative operations? • How can CAOs build their own AI capacity?	Hartness Pavilion
11:00 AM	**Break**	
11:15 AM	**Session 2: Data-Driven Decision Making & Prioritization Amidst a Shifting Landscape** *Special guests: David Eubanks, AVP, Office of Institutional Assessment & Research, & Katlyn Bagley-Sepsey, Associate Director, Institutional Research & Reporting* David and Katlyn will share an overview of Furman's data dashboards, data communication strategy, and lessons learned from developing and launching a data warehouse and integrated data strategy. ACS colleagues will discuss how their institutions are working to centralize and leverage data and how we are using data from program prioritization and market analyses to guide institutional planning.	Hartness Pavilion

	Guiding questions:	
	- How are institutions centralizing data, making it available to faculty and decisionmakers, and connecting data to action? - What are we learning from program prioritization or market analysis data? What are you keeping, expanding, restructuring, or ending? - What are colleagues learning from developing new programs, innovative offerings, or professional programs? What unexpected challenges or successes have you encountered? - How are institutions planning for delayed return on investment of new programs?	
12:30 AM	**Lunch**	**TBD**
2:00 PM	**Open Mic**	Hartness Pavilion
2:30 PM	**Session 3: Advising Models & Change Management** This session will focus on exploring our institutions' respective advising models, recent changes, and forthcoming advising adaptation or redesign. Guiding questions: - What are our institution's approaches to advising? Who advises whom, when? How are advisors trained, compensated, and evaluated? What guidance are we providing to faculty advisors? - What does data tell us students want and need? How are we adapting to changing student needs? - Who is accountable for advising? Where does it live? - How do advisors access and use data? How are campuses using risk predictors and early alerts? - What lessons are colleagues learning from efforts to change advising models? What barriers have been surprising, and what helps accelerate progress?	Hartness Pavilion
3:45 PM	**Session 4: Balancing Leadership & Governance as CAO** This session is an opportunity to discuss challenges and lessons learned from advancing change amidst shared governance. Guiding questions: - How do Provosts/VPAAs and Deans work together to advance the institution? - How do chief academic officers balance leadership with faculty governance and engagement? - How can chief academic officers work most effectively with presidents, cabinet, faculty, and the	Hartness Pavilion

	board to advance strategic or curricular change? What lessons have colleagues learned? • How are these roles evolving amidst our current policy and political environment? • How can CAOs stay resilient?	
5:00 PM	**Break**	
5:15 PM	*Shuttle pick up to bring back to the hotel*	*Pick up outside of Hartness Pavilion*
5:50 PM	*Shuttle pick up to bring to Northampton Wine + Dine*	*Pick up outside of hotel lobby*
6:00 PM	**Dinner** *Dinner will be on individual tabs*	**Northampton Wine + Dine,** 211 E Broad St, Greenville, SC
Thursday, February 12th		
7:40 AM	*Shuttle to Furman University*	*Pickup outside of hotel lobby*
8:00 AM	**Breakfast**	Hartness Pavilion
10:00 AM	**Furman's Bicentennial Convocation**	McAlister Auditorium
12:00 PM	**Bicentennial Celebration Lunch**	
1:00 PM	**Adjourn**	