

1) Presentation Title: Better record keeping and documentation techniques for chairs.

2) Presenter information

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3) Presentation theme: Operating the Department

4) Presentation type: Brown Bag Lunch Discussion

5) Abstract: Presenters and participants will discuss tips and techniques for better record keeping and documentation practices in the department office. Areas of discussion will include suggestions for better record keeping strategies and how to properly document scheduled and impromptu meetings, meetings with faculty for promotion, tenure and review, and meetings with students and parents. We will provide take-home examples to make the day-to-day operations of the office run more smoothly.

6) Description of Session (300-500 words)

As an administrator in higher education, you should be documenting many of the interactions you have with other individuals. You might be asking yourself, "what do I need to document, when should I document something, and how should I be documenting communications with individuals." In essence, most of your interactions should be documented. In this session, we will provide participants with some real-life examples of good record keeping strategies. We will talk about keeping a calendar that is up to date and use the calendar and documenting methods in tandem to ensure easy searching through your documentation. We will explain some ways to document meetings and allow participants

time to discuss and share tips and strategies that they use. At the end, we hope to compile a list of real strategies that chairs can use and implement the moment they return to their campus.