

Associate Deans Council

April 23, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Present: Peter Ryan (Chair), Noel Addy, Wes Ammon, Ray Berryhill, Thomas Bourgeois, Tim Chamblee, Karen Coats, Robert Cooper, John Dickerson, Walter Diehl, JoJo Dodd, Becky Gardner, Julia Hodges, Mitzy Johnson, Dinetta Karriem, Scott Maynard, Beth Miller, Elton Moore, Ian Munn, James Orr, Gail Peyton, Julia Porter, Andrew Rendon, Kevin Rogers, Steve Taylor, Rick Travis, James Warnock.

Guests: Mitchell Berman, Sam Winer.

Peter Ryan called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in 611 Allen Hall.

1. Consideration of the minutes.

Karen Coats made the motion and Elton Moore seconded to approve the minutes of March 26, 2014. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Announcements.

- Peter Ryan welcomed guests and introduced Andrew Rendon who will be replacing James Orr as Director of the Honor Council. Dr. Ryan expressed sincere thanks to James Orr for his service at MSU.
- Peter Ryan requested that feedback be submitted for suspension or deletion of courses listed on the spreadsheet that was sent out from the Office of the Provost for the Inactivity Report.
- He noted that that IHL board requires that inactive courses be deleted after 7 years. Any courses with no feedback will be deleted after the April 30, 2014 deadline.
- Peter Ryan reported on the international student non-resident tuition waiver that will be provided by the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President. The intent of the waiver is to help increase the number of international students at MSU and will be available for new students associated with an MOU. Dr. Ryan stated that current MOUs (with education purposes and no provisions) may be revised.
- Peter Ryan briefly discussed the plans for the inaugural fall Freshman Convocation and distributed photos of potential coins to be considered by the committee. The coins will be given to freshman students who attend the event. The coins would cost approximately \$2.00 each.

3. QPR Training.

Mitchell Berman and Sam Winer were present to conduct the QPR training services (Question, Persuade, And Refer) to the Associate Deans Council. The training seminars are a part of the federal grant obtained by Michael Nadorff and Sam Winer and awarded to MSU to help connect students, faculty and staff across campus and the community with prevention and treatment for suicide through education, awareness and increasing services.

- Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States with Mississippi ranking the 30th highest in 2010. Older adults are more successful for committing suicide with women more likely to attempt but men more likely to succeed. Older adults age 65 + are more likely to use firearms than youth. Men of all ages are a high risk group.
- Resources include: the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline; the American Association of Suicidology; the MSU safe line at 662-325-3333 (which rings at the campus police station) and the MSU Student Counseling Services.
- QPR training is for everyone – ask a question, save a life. The training is not to be a form of counseling or treatment but to offer hope through positive action. The training seminar is available throughout campus and the community.

5. AOPs – none

6. New Business

- Thomas Bourgeois announced the Legal Issues Conference that will be held on campus April 30, May 1 and 2, 2014.