

Associate Deans Council
November 12, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Present: Peter Ryan (Chair), Noel Addy, Wes Ammon, Ray Berryhill, Rita Burrell, John Dickerson, JoJo Dodd, Nancy Fultz, Becky Gardner, Greg Hall, Rebecca Long, Ron McLaughlin, Pat Matthes, Linda Morse, Gail Peyton, Julia Porter, Mike Rackley, Kevin Rogers, Steve Taylor, Rick Travis, James Warnock, Charlie Wilder (for Scott Maynard), Scott Willard.

Peter Ryan called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in 4004 Lee Hall.

1. Consideration of the minutes.

Kevin Rogers made the motion and Scott Willard seconded to approve the minutes of October 22, 2014. The motion was approved unanimously.

Peter Ryan introduced Dr. Gregory Hall, Associate Dean for the College of Architecture, Art and Design.

2. Online Syllabus Bank.

JoJo Dodd presented a plan from the Student Association for the development of an online syllabus bank. Students would have an opportunity to review course requirements and plan accordingly for a balanced workload and help in promoting success on campus for MSU students. The Student Association would build and host an independent web site to maintain and organize syllabi submitted by faculty, but would need assistance from departments to engage faculty in submitting course syllabi for the website. The SA has also met with the Executive Council and are seeking out concerns from academic administrators before moving forward with the project. The Associate Deans will take the information back to the departments and faculty for further input and feedback.

3. Announcements.

- Steve Taylor expressed thanks and appreciation for the efforts from the Associate Deans in providing information to determine where there is “physical presence” for state authorization.
- Julia Porter reported on current positions searches and renovation projects at the MSU Meridian campus.
- Greg Hall announced the Trashion Show to be held at Giles Architecture Building today, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. The show is sponsored by the MSU School of Architecture, Fashion Board, and NOMAS (National Organization of Minority Architecture Students).
- James Warnock reported on the College of Engineering program courses to be offered at the MS Gulf Coast Community College and the Cowbell Challenge that was held Friday, November 7 on the Drill Field. He stated that there were 6 teams of students and a panel of judges which included Vann Stuedeman, MSU Head Softball Coach and Amy Tuck, Vice President for campus services.
- Ron McLaughlin reported that all went well during the College of Veterinary Medicine’s recent accreditation visit.
- Scott Willard reported on the Advisory Council meetings for the College of Agriculture Life Sciences and the College of Forest Resources. He also mentioned the recent College of Agriculture Life Sciences Cow Patty Bingo which is included in the annual Pre-Vet Club fundraiser.
- Mike Rackley discussed the FERPA and Parent Proxy and reported that 200 students have already granted access to their parents or guardians.
- Becky Gardner discussed the National Merit and National Achievement Scholarships and expressed appreciation to the colleges for assistance.
- Noel Addy stated that the Faculty Senate’s last meeting for the fall semester will be held on Friday, November 14, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Grisham Room, Library.
- Gail Peyton reported on several ongoing and upcoming activities and events at the Mitchell Memorial Library. There will be continued work with the Office of Research with the scholarly initiatives and

the Library will be more involved next semester with copyright, access and data management. They are also working with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion to host the International Studies Week. The Library will be hosting the Mega Resources sponsored by Mississippi school teachers on February 6, 2015. This year's annual Christmas Gala will be held on November 23, 2014.

- Rebecca Long discussed the Three Minute Thesis Graduate Student Competition to be held on November 19 -20, 2014 in the Colvard Student Union, Fowlkes Auditorium. All were invited to attend.
- Kevin Rogers announced that a new head of the School of Accountancy has been hired to begin on April 1, 2015.
- Ray Berryhill reported on MSU winning the Halbrook Award for the second consecutive year for having the highest percentage of graduating female student athletes among all of the public universities in Mississippi.
- Wes Ammon reported on freshman student registration for spring.
- Steve Taylor mentioned two awards that have been won by the marketing departments in the Center for Distance Education and noted that he would be sending out more details on the awards.
- Charlie Wilder reported on the Career Center's continued efforts to improve systems in providing accuracy from students as they graduate.
- John Dickerson discussed orientation plans and the need for additional feedback. There is still ongoing discussion on how to approach the July orientation and encouraging students to register earlier (before the fall semester begins). There were also concerns of the shut down time in July. After discussion, Rick Travis suggested to modify what has been done in the past – to shut down until July 13 after the last June date (which would be a 10 day period). After discussion and agreement with the modification, John Dickerson will present the proposal to the Provost.

4. Chair's Report – none

5. AOPs

AOP 11.02 Special Non-Degree Student Classification (Non-Traditional) for Undergraduate Students. Peter Ryan proposed consideration of rescinding the policy due to contents of the policy being covered in the recently revised AOP 12.20 Freshman Entrance Requirements – under Policy/Procedure item # 7. The proposal to rescind AOP 11.02 was approved to be forwarded to the Deans Council for further consideration.

6. Other Business.

The November 26th meeting will be canceled due to the Thanksgiving holiday break. The next scheduled meeting will be held on December 10, 2014.