

**Associate Deans Council**  
**February 11, 2015**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Peter Ryan (Chair), Noel Addy, Wes Ammon, Jeremy Baham, Ray Berryhill, Tim Chamblee, John Dickerson, Nancy Fultz, Becky Gardner, Julia Hodges, Rebecca Long, Pat Matthes, Elton Moore, Linda Morse, Gail Peyton, Julia Porter, Mike Rackley, Kevin Rogers, Rick Travis, Nash Tucker, James Warnock, Scott Willard.

Peter Ryan called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. in 4004 Lee Hall.

**1. Consideration of the minutes.**

Kevin Rogers made the motion and Elton Moore seconded to approve the minutes of January 28, 2015. The motion was approved unanimously.

**2. Announcements.**

- Peter Ryan announced the upcoming Academic Insight events and noted appreciation to the colleges for the time and effort devoted to discussing academic issues with prospective students and their parents/families. The first weekend event will begin on February 14, 2015 with the College of Education and all undeclared majors.
- Peter Ryan discussed the Center for Teaching and Learning program, “Advising and Policy Update”. The program was led by Peter Ryan and Nancy Fultz on February 10 in the Library Auditorium. They presented faculty with updated revisions on policies (finalized and pending) and additions to programs. The recorded presentation will be posted on the CTL web page, and the power point presentation will be sent to the Associate Deans Council to share the information with the academic advisors and coordinators.
- Peter Ryan briefly discussed the National Student Exchange program (NSE) and Study Abroad program and noted that he would like any feedback to better promote these programs.

**3. Chair’s Report.**

- Peter Ryan reported on the subcommittee to address compliance with the IHL guidelines for offering intermediate courses in English, Math, and Reading. He noted that the subcommittee may want to invite the Director of The Learning Center, Anna Dill, for input on the support programs.

**4. AOPs**

**AOP 34.01 Special Teaching Programs**

- After discussion, all were in favor to rescind the policy. Peter Ryan will contact Gary Jackson, MSU Extension Director to be sure if any of the contents of the policy should be retained before sending the policy forward to the Deans Council for further consideration.

**5. Other Business.**

- Elton Moore invited all to the College of Education Annual Faculty/Student Research Forum to be held on April 10, 2015 at the Bost Extension Center Theater & Auditorium. A complimentary lunch will be provided.
- Peter Ryan encouraged all to watch Rodney Pearson’s presentation posted on the CTL web which reveals data predictions on a student’s progress based on class attendance. He noted his recommendation at a meeting to discuss the Orientation video to consider including Rodney Pearson on the program to speak to students and parents on the importance of class attendance.
- The Freshman Convocation will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2015. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Humphrey Coliseum.
- Tim Chamblee reminded all about the IE report templates.
- The Center for Teaching and Learning hosted a visit of the Starkville High School Junior and Senior students enrolled in the Dual Enrollment program. The students visited with staff and various units

across campus and received their MSU ID cards. Rick Travis commented on the students and programs and noted the interest in expanding the course offerings and a possible relationship with other area high schools.

- The 6-7<sup>th</sup> grade partnership with MSU and Starkville-Oktibbeha Consolidated School District is moving forward.
- Becky Gardner invited all to attend a play to be presented by the Shackouls Honors College on February 18 and 19 in the Forum Room, Griffis Hall. The play is based on the works of William Shakespeare. She also noted that the Honors College is in the process of scheduling high school students for the selection process of the Presidential Scholarships.
- Julia Porter reported on the Building dedication at the MSU Meridian downtown campus.
- Jeremy Baham announced the Legal Issues Conference to be held on April 29 – May 1, 2015. He noted a few of the speakers and topics to be covered during the conference.
- Kevin Rogers announced the Seal Distinguished Speaker Series public presentation to be held on February 24, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. in the Taylor Auditorium. The featured speaker will be Cynthia Cooper.
- Mike Rackley stated that there have been no problems reported on the classroom scanners. The project will be expanding to more rooms in the fall.
- Linda Morse announced the upcoming Brown Bag program and several seminars and tool kit workshops to be held in February hosted by the Center for Teaching and Learning.
- Peter Ryan announced the New Faculty Bus Tour to be held on Friday, February 27, 2015. He asked that new faculty be encouraged to attend this event as well as other various programs scheduled throughout the semester.
- Nash Tucker reported that the Student Association project, Block by Block Meal Program has collected over 1000 lunches to provide meal assistance to students who are in need.
- Gail Peyton reported on the Library's participation in the campus visit of the 26 students in the Dual Enrollment program. These students will also have access to the Library facilities.
- John Dickerson reported on the recommendation to hire students to partner with colleges to make phone connections with interested students. The first 34 students hired have received training to begin making phone calls to potential students later this week.
- Peter Ryan mentioned the email sent for information to keep programs updated on the Provost website and also asked that the colleges provide information on their current faculty who have been recognized as fellows in their disciplines to update the list on the President's office website.
- Becky Gardner announced that the Honors College is currently hosting Scotsman author and journalist, Sir Maxwell MacLeod and encouraged all to meet and interact with him if you see him on campus.