

Deans Council Minutes
June 27, 2015
3:30 PM
Presidents Conference Room, Lee Hall

In attendance: Jerry Gilbert (chair), Richard Blackburn, Rebecca Long (for Lori Bruce), Tim Chamblee, Frances Coleman, Cody Coyne, Amy Adkerson (for John Dickerson), Greg Dunaway, Steve Pruett (for Kent Hoblet), Julia Hodges, George Hopper, Jason Keith, Joan Lucas, Sharon Oswald, Mike Rackley, Roxie Raven, Peter Ryan, Chris Snyder, Jim West.

Others present: Katie Echols (for David Shaw), Lynn Reinschmiedt, Judy Spencer, Brett Harvey

Minutes taken by: Lecrisha Nail

1. Upon a motion by Frances Coleman and second by Sharon Oswald, the minutes of the July 15, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously with no edits.
2. Announcements:
 - a. Enrollment is trending upward, up 705 students from last semester. Prediction for fall is 3400 freshman, 100 extra transfer students, for a total of 25,600 students.
 - b. Freshman Convocation is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at Humphrey Coliseum. Deans meet at President's conference room at 4:45 p.m. Ambassadors will bring in banners at the beginning.
 - c. Melissa Moore is to chair a committee regarding summer school, to help maximize capacity and increase enrollment. Associate Deans will represent the colleges. Promote summer school via website in the fall. Moore is polling students. MSU is partnering with Greater Starkville Development Authority to increase level of fun activities for students in summer.
 - d. There will be an Academic Department / Division Heads meeting on Monday, August 10 at 3:30 in Taylor Auditorium (McCool Hall). All Deans are invited. President Keenum will speak first to talk about commitment to class attendance. Mike Rackley will speak about classroom scanners to take attendance. There will be workshops and training on Aug 1st to educate faculty about the scanning for attendance. Dr. Keith asked about a default if the scanners don't work and how to notify faculty.
 - e. Kinesiology building is almost finished being renovated at Meridian campus. It will provide more space for students, and it is named Rosebaum (formerly Kress).
 - f. Dr. Gilbert introduced Brett Harvey, Director Title IX and EEO Programs. He mentioned that next year it will be a requirement for students to take a Title IX course.
 - g. Dr. Gilbert will meet this week with Tim Chamblee and Angie Bourgeois to discuss an ad hoc committee to review UCCC. The purpose is to make sure UCCC is working effectively.
 - h. Tim Chamblee is chairing a search committee for academic athletics. Interviews will begin early August.
 - i. Dr. Gilbert is hosting a University budget meeting with the Deans on Aug 14 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Don Zant will discuss:
 - i. Costs (increase in costs about 3% every year)
 - ii. Parameters for adding new faculty members
 - iii. Constraints
 - iv. Funding formula from IHL and potential allocation of future revenues
 - v. 3% raise for faculty and staff next year
3. AOPs:
 - a. AOP 10.08 – Classroom Regulations
 - i. Minor edits were made.

- iv. Protocol – 24/7 call line
 - g. The idea is to have clear branding – consistent messages across campus
 - h. Faculty and staff have a mandatory duty to report any sexual misconduct
 - i. Greg Dunaway asked about public speech in public space. What about groups that come on campus, and what protection do we have against freedom of speech issue?
 - i. Page 3 addresses the first amendment
 - ii. The place and time can be a factor
 - iii. Counter speech can be effective
6. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.