

Associate Deans Council
July 8, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Present: Peter Ryan (Chair), Wes Ammon, Thomas Bourgeois, Rita Burrell, Tim Chamblee, Cody Coyne, John Dickerson, Nancy Fultz, Becky Gardner, Greg Hall, Julia Hodges, Terry Jayroe, Mitzy Johnson, Rebecca Long, Ron McLaughlin, Pat Matthes, Ian Munn, Gail Peyton, Lynn Reinschmiedt, Kevin Rogers, James Warnock, Charlie Wilder, Scott Willard.

Guests: Brett Harvey.

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 Rebecca Long seconded to approve the minutes of June 10, 2015. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Announcements.

- Peter Ryan reported on the planning of the 2015 Freshman Convocation which will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Humphrey Coliseum. He asked that faculty be encouraged to participate. The keynote speaker will be the co-author of the 2015 Maroon Edition book selection.
- Peter Ryan reported that the 2015 New Faculty Orientation session will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2015. He stated that he had consulted with General Counsel to be sure that a faculty member would be covered before the beginning of their contract date in the event of an unforeseen incident. A make-up session will be available later in the semester for any faculty not able to attend the August session. The President's Reception will be held on Wednesday, August 18, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.
- Jon Rezek of the International Institute has been invited to attend a future meeting to discuss the Study Abroad program and its planning and procedures.
- Joyce Yates of Health Education and Wellness will be leading a project supported by a grant awarded to the university by The Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation. The "MSU on the Move" project will promote a culture of health and wellness which can help achieve better academic performance.
- Peter Ryan announced the retirement of Anna Dill, Director of the Learning Center and the resignation of April Heiselt, Director of the Center for the Advancement of Service-Learning Excellence.

3. Title IX Updates.

- Brett Harvey, Director of Title IX & EO Programs gave an update on new developments in the Title IX law which has prompted the task of revisions to the MSU Sexual Misconduct policy (and campus wide training) in order to remain in compliance with the Department of Education.
- Plans are to meet with groups of leadership across campus for awareness and any feedback.
- Training will be provided to incoming employees and students and will be available through Banner in the fall.
- Some of the major changes to the policy include the application of the policy and definitions of sexual misconduct.

- There was discussion of the obligation of responsible employees for reporting an incident with one narrow exception stated in the policy.
- The group was asked to read the draft and contact the Office of Compliance & Integrity with any questions or feedback.

4. Chair's Report.

- Greg Hall will chair the Subcommittee on Remedial Grades. The committee will meet and bring back a recommendation to the Associate Deans Council during the early fall semester.

5. AOPs.

AOP 10.08 Classroom Regulations

- The concerns of parents or non-enrolled students attending classes was discussed with no further edits but agreement that these incidents should be referred to the Dean of Students.
- After further discussion of issuance of keys to buildings, Peter Ryan will bring attention to the Deans Council to the statement – *Academic deans can identify these persons* – as stated in the policy.
- After the motion was made by Scott Willard and seconded by James Warnock, the policy was approved with edits to move forward to the Deans Council for further consideration.

6. Other Business.

- Thomas Bourgeois made several announcements: Hardy Road will be closed beginning July 18 for two years due to construction of Mitchell Memorial Library; Dawg Daze 2015 will begin on August 8 with Move-in Day for over 500 students; The new texting and driving law will go into effective on July 1; The Fresh Food Company dining facility will be opening this fall – there will also be other changes of dining locations in the Union and on campus; Heavy traffic is expected on campus during the first weeks of fall classes.
- John Dickerson stated that the last orientation session will be held on Friday, July 25. There are currently 330 freshmen and 138 transfer students registered for the session. He asked that departments be reminded to pre-schedule students which had been a tremendous help in the June sessions.
- Tim Chamblee reported on the expected increase of enrollment from last year.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.