

Deans Council Minutes
June 20, 2016
1:30 PM
Presidents Conference Room, Lee Hall

In attendance: Julia Hodges, Richard Blackburn, Stephen Cunetto (for Frances Coleman), George Hopper, Jason Keith, Joan Lucas, Sharon Oswald, Mike Rackley, Peter Ryan, Jack Smith (for Kent Hoblet), Chris Snyder, Rick Travis, Jim West, Tim Chamblee, Terry Dale Cruse, Lisa Holloway (for John Dickerson)

Others present: Michael Busby, Teresa Gammill

Minutes taken by: Lecrisha Nail

- I. Julia Hodges called the meeting to order. Upon a motion by Jim West and second by George Hopper, the minutes of the May 16, 2016, meeting were approved unanimously with no edits. Agenda items were discussed:
- II. Announcements
 - a. Dr. Hodges announced this would be her last Dean's Council Meeting. The next meeting will be July 18 with Dr. Judy Bonner presiding.
- III. Mississippi Financial Aid
 - a. The state has changed the requirement for financial aid, effective July 1.
 - b. Students are required to take 15 credit hours instead of 12 credit hours
 - c. This will change MSUs policy on students who are on suspension or dismissal who are only allowed to take 12 credit hours. They will now be allowed to take up to 16 credit hours. This will increase the number of students who will take up to 16 hours.
 - d. If a student starts the semester with 15 hours but then drops down to 12 hours, they will lose their financial aid for the following semester.
 - e. Dr. Travis mentioned this will probably have an effect on our enrollment.
 - f. Dr. Hopper mentioned this will also effect retention, because students may be more likely to withdraw if they are failing a class or two and have to drop below 15 hours.
- IV. Other
 - a. Dr. Hodges wanted to make everyone aware that Witt Salley, Director of Center for Distance Education gave his resignation last Friday. Dr. Hodges has appointed Michael Busby to fill in this role until an interim is named.
 - b. Dr. Hopper gave thanks to Dr. Hodges for doing a great job of filling the position of Interim Provost and Executive Vice President.
 - c. Mike Rackley gave everyone a copy of the new guide to IT services for students.
 - d. Dr. Hodges mentioned that IHL granted permission for the University of Southern Mississippi to plan to establish the degrees for Ocean Engineering and Computer Engineering. He did not approve them to establish Industrial Engineering. IHL also gave the University of Mississippi permission to plan to establish a degree in Biomedical Engineering. The commissioner stated that if MSU also wanted to pursue this degree, to submit the appropriate paperwork as soon as possible. The Bagley College of Engineering is working on this with the Provost's office.
 - e. Lisa Holloway mentioned that Dr. Dickerson wanted to thank the advisors for all of the work that they have been doing scheduling students coming in for orientation.
 - i. May ask some colleges to move classes around to accommodate seating.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.