

Associate Deans Council
August 23, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Present: Peter Ryan, Noel Addy, Amy Adkerson, Tracey Baham, Drew Baker, Tim Chamblee, Angie Chrestman, Jim Dunne, Nancy Fultz, Becky Gardner, Jeffrey Haupt, Brien Henry, Christine Jackson, Mitzy Johnson, Ron McLaughlin, Ben Mackin, Lynda Moore, Tabor Mullen, Ian Munn, Steve Parrott, Nicole Rader, Kari Reeves, Kevin Rogers, Susan Seal, Scott Willard, Bob Wolverton.

Guest: Brian Locke.

Peter Ryan called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in 611 Allen Hall. He welcomed all and introduced guests and new member, Brien Henry, Interim Associate Dean for Graduate Studies.

1. Consideration of the minutes.

Upon a motion made by Kevin Rogers and seconded by Becky Gardner, the minutes of August 9, 2017 were approved as presented.

2. Announcements.

- Peter Ryan expressed his appreciation to all who helped with the 2017 Fall Convocation held on August 17, 2017. The attendance was a little under 3000 (freshmen and new transfer students). Tom Carskadon's class survey (with an estimated 500 freshmen student) had positive feedback.

3. Roma Center at University of Arkansas.

- Peter Ryan presented MSU International Partnership Opportunities. Globalization is encouraged as part of the university's strategic plan. One relevant point is to enrich academic cultural experiences of the faculty, staff, and students through global engagement.
- The university has engaged with a number of European institutions driven by research endeavors – the majority with the Bagley College of Engineering. The interest in Europe is to develop relationship with American institutions. MSU will host a full-day Horizon 2020 workshop, part of the European Union's nearly \$80 billion research program for European institutions to engage in exchange and research collaboration with North American and other institutions. This is an avenue to expand research opportunities and educational exchange opportunities for faculty and students.
- International Partnerships include Italy, France, Spain, Morocco, and the United Kingdom.
- The University of Rome-Sapienza (UR-S), the top university in Italy, is located in the heart of Rome, has over 115,000 students, and is the only European institution with access to The Vatican Library. The university is interested in adding value to their programs and interested in research collaboration and faculty exchange with internal funding of up to 5,000 Euro per month and some funding to support doctoral students. An MOU was signed in December 2016.
- The University Polytechnic-Valencia (UPV), a Spanish institution, is interested in dual degrees and Master degrees. They want to explore collaborations leading to faculty, researcher and student exchanges. An MOU is to be signed in Valencia at the end of January.
- Mississippi State has been one of the stronger partners utilizing the University of Arkansas Roma Center located in the heart of Rome.
- MSU students can participate through the SEC-U Academic Consortium (UARK credit transferred back to MSU) Italian, Architecture, Art, Design, Advertising, Philosophy, Economics or through new MSU faculty –led courses offered through the University of Arkansas Roma Center each fall.

- UARK-R is interested in faculty-led Study Abroad programming for spring and fall – need to explore the potential to develop consortia agreements (similar to ACEPTS) with other SEC schools (UFL, UT-K, LSU, Auburn, ARK, MSU, etc.) to offer fall/spring programs where a number of students could co-enroll.
- Please contact Peter Ryan (designated as campus POC for activities) or Rick Nader (International Institute) for more detailed discussion.

4. Two-Factor Authentication Nag Screen.

- Steve Parrott reported on the Information Security program statement (*Two factor authentication is required for web access to all systems storing, processing, or transmitting Category I data and strongly recommended for all other systems*) and the new two-factor authentication service, Duo – effective on campus July 24, 2017. The population with Category I access consist of around 2,700 people on campus – a large percent of faculty members.
- The (IT) Information Technology Council presented to the Provost who approved – beginning on October 16, users with access to Category I data (as defined in the Information Security Program) and not enrolled in Duo will receive the nag screen (two factor authentication) notification when logging into CAS-enable systems. The user can acknowledge and not sign up, but every attempt from then on will receive the screen until enrollment in Duo.
- A demonstration was provided for enrolling in Duo – also for instructions go to the ITS website and click on Two-Factor Authentication (2FA). Contact the ITS Help Desk if assistance is needed.
- Steve Parrott also announced the Canvas LMS demonstrations on campus, Friday, August 25 in the Fowlkes Auditorium, Union. There will be three one-hour sessions held at 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. All faculty are encouraged to attend.

5. AOPs

- AOP 13.13 Leave Policies.
 - The recommendation to rescind this policy was brought forward due to the contents being stated in the faculty handbook and the HRM leave policy. The motion to was made and seconded (with all ayes in favor) to approve the recommendation. The policy will move forward to the Deans Council for further consideration.
- AOP 12.32 Refund and Course Credit Policy for Student Members of the Military to Active Duty or Deployed
 - After discussion of ITS possibly modifying the verification process, the policy was approved to be forwarded to the Deans Council for further consideration.
- AOP 12.26 Undergraduate Credit by Examination
 - The amendment to add – Cambridge Credits - was approved – also # 2 and # 4 will be deleted from the policy. The policy will move to the Deans Council for further consideration.

6. Other Announcements.

- Brian Locke, Interim Director, Center for America's Veterans, reported that 2,618 people meet the criteria as student veteran or dependent of a veteran for the fall semester – of those, 838 military students are receiving out of state waivers. There will be a large unit within Mississippi to deploy during the January-February months. He encouraged all to visit the new Veteran's Center on campus. The Green Zone training for staff and faculty on how to deal with veterans in the classroom will be held on Sept 13 and 14 from 1 – 4 p.m.

- Peter Ryan announced that Appendix 11: Off-Campus Academic Programs reporting form will be due on September 1.
- Tim Chamblee reported on IE reports and asked that Tracey Baham be contacted for assistance.
- Susan Seal reported on Center for Distance Education's increased enrollment and mentioned the online Maroon Edition Book Club now available.
- Steve Parrott reported that ITS is working through minor issues at the Old Main Academic Center.
- Mitzy Johnson announced the College of Education's new department heads, Trey Martindale (ISWD) and Eric Moyen (Educational Leadership).
- Bob Wolverton reported on the Library's staffing at the Old Main Academic Center and noted that the community and alumni have been stopping by to tour the building. He also mentioned the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library opening in November– and the Abraham Lincoln collection.
- Lynda Moore reported on the start of the C2C program initiated by IHL.
- Peter Ryan discussed a two-day workshop to be held at the Mill on competency-based learning and experiential learning.
- Amy Adkerson reported on the Add/Drop deadline dates and noted that summer degrees have been awarded.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.