

**Associate Deans Council**  
**Nov. 28, 2018**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Peter Ryan (Chair), Noel Addy, Tracey Baham, Tim Chamblee, Angie Chrestman, John Dickerson, Nancy Fultz, Brien Henry, Christine Jackson, Julie Jordan, Pat Matthes, Lynda Moore, Ian Munn, Steve Parrott, Nicole Rader, Kevin Rogers, Susan Seal, Michael Seymour, Scott Willard, Arman Borazjani, Robert Green, Cat Walker, Josie Guerry

Peter Ryan called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in Dunn Conference Room.

**1. Consideration of the minutes.**

Upon a motion made by Peter Ryan the minutes of Oct. 24, 2018 were approved as presented.

**2. Announcements:**

- Please circulate the call for nominations to the Mortar Board Honor Society that you all should have received via email.
- The Office of the Graduate School is looking for a Graduate Service Assistant. Please direct applicants to Dr. Brien Henry.
- Please make sure Erica Waldman receives the necessary information to assist with the timely completion of graduate student degree audits for December 2018.
- Please encourage graduate coordinators to make timely decisions on graduate student applications currently under review by their programs.

**3. Academic Advisors Council** – A discussion was held on the challenges facing degree programs with so many freshmen students entering the university with 15-30 or more earned credits toward their degree programs. This has created issues for students that need 15 hours to maintain Mississippi Financial Aid eligibility and among other concerns. A suggestion was made to exploring opening up access to more one hour seminar-like courses or promoting better those one hour courses that already exist that are offered beyond the FYE courses. This may help students that need an extra hour credit to maintain either full time status and/or the 15 hour course load for Mississippi Financial Aid eligibility.

**4. Academic Accommodations - Math Accommodation** - The Academic Accommodations Committee reviews requests made on the behalf of students with a significant math challenge and makes recommendations to the Provost regarding course substitutions for college algebra, and/or other Math courses. Math is the only subject that the Academic Accommodations Committee addresses.

**5. Dual Degree Bachelor-Master's**– Dr. Bonner would like Colleges to explore dual bachelor's-master's degree opportunities, particularly for students entering with a large number of college credits. The Associate Deans will have a roundtable to discuss Dual Degree options.

**6. New Business:**

- Dr. Susan Seal handed out the Annual Report for the Center for Distance Education.

- Mr. Arman Borazjani – The Student Association is accepting donation for business attire clothing drive. Donation can be dropped off on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Student Union.

Meeting adjourned: 2:55 pm