

Deans Council Minutes
June 7, 2010

Members present: Jerry Gilbert, chairman; Frances Coleman, Thomas Sellers (for Rhett Hobart), Robert Cooper (for Kent Hoblet), George Hopper, Gary Jackson, Lynn Reinschmiedt (for Melissa Mixon), Gary Myers, Sarah Rajala, Lynne Richardson, Peter Ryan, Jack Tucci, and Jim West. Also present were: David Breaux, Tim Chamblee, Mike Rackley, Nicole Rader, Butch Stokes, and Scott Stricklin.

1. The minutes of the May 17, 2010 meeting were approved with one correction: Jul was corrected to read July.
2. Announcements:
 - Dr. Gilbert introduced Scott Stricklin, the new Athletic Director. Mr. Stricklin mentioned that he would like to meet one-on-one with each Dean in the coming months. He stated that he would like to see the campus more integrated with athletics.
 - Dr. Gilbert mentioned that the budget situation for FY 12 does not look good. He stated that we will be faced with bigger challenges than we originally thought. He mentioned that they will be examining the situation over the summer.
3. Dr. Nicole Rader led a discussion on her Campus Climate Study that was conducted at MSU.
4. Dr. David Breaux led a discussion concerning the Maroon Edition, the common reading program for the coming year. The book that has been chosen is *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson. Dr. Breaux gave some illustrations of promoting this book and stated that the author will be on campus on September 23, and will speak at the Hump at 7:00 PM that date.
5. Dr. Tim Chamblee led a discussion on Digital Measures software. Several deans were interested in seeing another demo of the software so their faculty could begin looking at it in the fall.
6. Dr. Peter Ryan will bring back AOP's 12.11 and 12.13 to the next Deans Council.
7. Dr. Gary Jackson led a discussion on teaching loads. He asked the Deans to review all of their teaching loads for the Fall and Spring semesters. Dr. Jackson also asked the Deans to make sure their department heads were maximizing E&G appointments to a reasonable extent. This includes reviewing research and service loads. He also recommended that deans and department heads increase the teaching load of faculty who are not actively producing in research and or service.
8. Mr. Butch Stokes led a discussion on the newly adopted Textbook Policy. The draft policy was due to IHL on June 7th. In accordance with the new policy, textbooks must be adopted 30 days prior to the first day of pre-registration. He also mentioned that the first freshman orientation is today. He stated that all sessions except #5 and the second transfer session are full. He expects that approximately 400 students will register on June 8th.