

Deans Council Minutes
April 6, 2009

Members present: Peter Rabideau, chairman; Hart Bailey, Richard Blackbourn, Drew Cleek, Donna Clevinger, Frances Coleman, Jerry Gilbert, Kent Hoblet, George Hopper, Melissa Mixon, Linda Morse, Gary Myers, Sarah Rajala, Lynne Richardson, and Jim West. Also present were: Julie Fulgham, and (for Butch Stokes).

1. **Honor Code revision**: Vice President Bill Kibler discussed the Honor Code revisions and highlighted proposed changes. He shared information regarding trends in previous years regarding cases dealt with.
2. Dr. Rabideau distributed a document titled "**Documenting Teaching Effectiveness**", with comments about alternative approaches to evaluating teaching. This document is now posted on the website for the Office of the Provost. Dr. Rabideau has also shared this with Faculty Senate. We will continue to require a summary of faculty evaluations with the Promotion and Tenure packets.
3. **AOP 12.XX Awarding of Degrees Posthumously**: Dr. Gilbert led a discussion concerning the changes proposed in this policy. We will now offer a private ceremony for awarding of degrees posthumously. Dr. Gilbert made a motion for the policy approval. This was approved without opposition. This must now be approved by the faculty.
4. **Academic Coordinators**: Dr. Chamblee, our SACS coordinator, stated that we must have a degree program coordinator for each degree we offer. We must have a policy in place. This will go to the Associate Deans and Graduate Council for their review. Coordinators must be academically qualified tenured faculty members.
5. **Arts and Sciences Workload tracking form**: After experiencing problems with the internet connection in the conference room, it was decided to reschedule Dean Myers' presentation to a future meeting.
6. **Announcements**:
 - Drew Cleek (new representative from Student Association) shared the following information:
 - a) Super Bulldog Weekend events include showing a movie on the jumbotron, community service projects, various bands at Old Main.
 - b) As a Mississippi National Guard, Drew is working on veterans' issues, such as priority registration for veterans.
 - c) Blake Jeter is working on a textbook exchange program, an on-line sale of textbooks.

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- Dean West stated that Jamie Mixon, in the Art Department, won international award for graphic design merit, one international, four national and six regional awards.
- Dean Hoblet stated that their open house was a success this past weekend with 3809 people attending.
- Dean Hopper stated that:
 - a) next week they are hosting a lecture by Malcolm Hunter at Tully Auditorium at 2:00 PM on April 14.
 - b) Mitch Weegman has been chosen to receive the Barry Goldwater Scholar National Award.
- Dean Coleman reported that the Ragtime Festival was very successful.
- Dean Clevinger reported that
 - a) Julie Fulgham came to their campus to work with them on a survey that directly impacts their campus.
 - b) Meridian Community College is now discontinuing the contract with Franklin College due to accreditation issues. We may see some of those students come to the Meridian campus.
- Dean Blackburn stated that Education recently had their second education research forum and it was well attended. The speaker was from NSF.
- Dean Mixon reported that the Delta Regional Alliance has been rescheduled from January to Wednesday. We are looking for ways to better partner with MSU. If you have not responded, please come to this event that begins at 10:00 AM at SSRC and will be finished by noon.
- Dean Rajala reported that:
 - a) Roger King has been appointed as Director at CAVS.
 - b) During Super Bulldog Weekend, the Engineering Deans Advisory Council will be in town.
- Dean Richardson reported that:
 - a) One of our banking and finance students has been named top in the state of Mississippi by the Mississippi Young Bankers Association. We have now won two years in a row.
 - b) We will host a Seal Lecture Series next weekend.
 - c) April 23 is Insurance Day and Mike Huckabee will be our speaker. If you are interested, we can provide free tickets.